

## **PROPOSAL TO REEDLEY COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE**

DATE: March 22, 2012

RE: Recommended language to be added into RC Committee Operating Agreements

Submitted by Bill Turini

In light of W/I ACCJC Recommendation 1 (“...The Center must develop its own processes related to the development and oversight of instructional programs...and must develop its own processes for support and institutional planning and governance...”), yet with respect for California Education Code and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations as it relates to institutional governance processes as they exist in the California Community College system, **we recommend that the Reedley College Academic Senate add the following language to the operating agreements of its committees** (Academic Standards, Curriculum, and Equivalency), **and recommend to the College Council that this language be added to the operating agreements of all college committees:**

- (1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee maintains the following standing subcommittees:
  - a. The Willow/International \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee (etc. etc., any additional subcommittees that committee members feel that they may need)
- (2) The role of the various subcommittees is to develop expertise in their defined areas and make appropriate recommendations to the full committee on all matters under the jurisdiction of the *insert name of full committee here* Committee.

The Reedley College Participatory Governance Handbook states that all “...standing committees have the authority to form sub-groups” (p. 8), so this action by the Academic Senate should be sufficient. According to process, a standing committee simply needs to inform the College Council that it has formed a subcommittee—no ratification/approval/confirmation necessary.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS The Willow/International Center of Reedley College completed an ACCJC-required self-study in its pursuit of candidacy and independent college status, and

WHEREAS the evaluation report from the Willow/International Community College Center accreditation visit has been received, and

WHEREAS Recommendation 1 from this report states that "...The Center must develop its own processes related to the development and oversight of instructional programs...and must develop its own processes for support and institutional planning and governance..." , and

WHEREAS pertinent sections of California Education Code (e.g., § 70902) and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (e.g., § 53200) do not appear to allow "centers" to operate as fully independent colleges,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Reedley College will establish and recognize the Willow/International Community College Center Academic Senate as a standing subcommittee, to exist until such time as that center becomes an independent college, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committees of the Reedley College Academic Senate (Academic Standards, Curriculum, and Equivalency) will add the following language to their operating agreements

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  - a. The Willow/International \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee (etc. etc., any additional subcommittees that committee members feel that they may need)
- (2) The role of the various subcommittees is to develop expertise in their defined areas and make appropriate recommendations to the full committee on all matters under the jurisdiction of the [insert name of full committee here] Committee.

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Reedley College recommend to the College Council of Reedley College that the following language be added to the operating agreements of each of the college committees:

- (1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee maintains the following standing subcommittees:
  - a. The Willow/International \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ Committee (etc. etc., any additional subcommittees that committee members feel that they may need)

- (2) The role of the various subcommittees is to develop expertise in their defined areas and make appropriate recommendations to the full committee on all matters under the jurisdiction of the *[insert name of full committee here]* Committee.