

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
 Summary of Meeting of Communications Council
 November 29, 2011

Present	Deborah Blue, Terry Kershaw, Lacy Barnes, Bill Turini, Kasey Oliver, Tony Cantu, Larry Dickson, Claudia Habib, Randy Rowe, Michael White, Jothany Blackwood, Teresa Patterson, Melanie Highfill, Ernie Garcia, and Nina Acosta.
Review of Agenda for December 6, 2011, Board Meeting	The December 6, 2011, Board of Trustees meeting agenda was reviewed.
District procedures for updating board policies and administrative regulations AR2410	<p>Mr. Taylor stated he received the recommended revisions from Reedley College Academic Senate and reviewed them with Chancellor's Cabinet.</p> <p>Mr. Turini stated that the main recommendation was to change AR2410 from an administrative regulation to a board policy because all administrative regulations emanate from board policies. In addition, the revision allows all governance bodies, including Communications Council to bring forward a recommendation for a change or a new AR to Chancellor's Cabinet.</p> <p>Mr. Taylor stated he is concerned the proposed revision would diminish the Chancellor's Cabinet in developing ARs.</p> <p>Dr. Barnes stated this is part of the larger discussion as to the function of Communications Council. It will depend on the direction district governance is going.</p> <p>Dr. Blue reminded Council that Mr. Cantu is working on a draft of the district governance structure. This proposal should be ready by mid-spring</p> <p>Dr. Blue said Cabinet will look at all recommendations and will come back to Communications Council with another draft. All comments will be taken into consideration.</p>
Recommended, Draft District Strategic Planning Committee Operating Guidelines	Dr. Blackwood reviewed the draft District Strategic Planning Committee (DSPC) operating agreement with Council. Dr. Habib said the FCC Academic Senate will have their second read on November 30, 2011. There were a few minor changes recommended by Council. Dr. Blackwood will wait to hear back from FCC. Communications Council agreed to approve this document if there are no major changes recommended by FCC or Reedley College Academic Senates. Dr. Blackwood will update the draft and send to Council.
District Strategic Issues Identified During the Educational Master Plan Planning Process	Dr. Blue stated there are issues involving the educational master plan planning process that need to be addressed. The district strategic issues will be discussed with the board meeting during a special board on December 13, 2011. Dr. Fran White from the College Brain Trust will guide the district

	<p>through the comprehensive process, beginning with a visioning exercise and “strategic conversations.” Dr. Blackwood and Ms. Diane Clerou visited North Orange Community College and observed a strategic conversation at their campus.</p> <p>Dr. Habib asked if the district was adopting the District Educational Master plan. Dr. Blue said, no, however the district will use some of the recommendations.</p>
<p>AR7223 (Interim Appointment to Vacant Academic Administrator Position) AR7223 (Interim Appointment to Vacant Academic Administrator Position) -continued-</p>	<p>This AR was provided to members of Communications Council during the July 2011 meeting as a request for input regarding deleting the sentence “a person who is an incumbent in an interim academic administrative position during the recruitment of the position at or above dean level may not apply for the regular position.”</p> <p>FCC Academic Senate had concerns regarding the current use of the terms “interim” and “acting.” They felt this was confusing and wanted the AR to identify the difference between those terms and the use of those terms. For this reason FCC was not in favor of the change to the sentence regarding interims applying for a position at this time.</p> <p>RC Academic Senate proposed the following changes to the AR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the term “interim” to “temporary/non regular”. • Recommended eliminating the sentence regarding the interim not being able to apply and allow interims to apply. • Recommended at the college level, the college president and the academic senate president reach a mutual written agreement regarding the process for the appointment of an interim administrator. • At the district level, recommended the chancellor reach a mutual written agreement with the academic senate presidents regarding the process for interim appointment. <p>Randy Rowe asked if there was any other input from anyone. Kasey Oliver, from CSEA, reported that during their discussion there was some concern regarding the terms “interim” and “acting” but that it was basically 50/50 to keep the sentence regarding the interim’s ability to apply or eliminate it. Randy then stated AR 7223 will move to the cabinet level, this input will be provided to the cabinet for their consideration. The cabinet will move quickly to establish any changes to AR 7223 due to the spring recruiting that will be starting very soon. There were no other questions or concerns.</p>
<p>Second Review of Communications Council January 27, 2011, Retreat</p>	<p>Communications Council will review this item during the next meeting</p>
<p>Student Success Task</p>	<p>Discussion of this item will take place during the next meeting and</p>

Force Draft Recommendations and Town Hall meeting	campuses will report on their responses to the task force report.
Future Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District support/non-support of legislative actions (Lacy Barnes). 2. Reports and Board of Trustees meetings (Ongoing) 3. Facilities Master Plan process (Brian Speece) 4. Southeast area (Brian Speece) 5. Advocacy (Teresa Patterson)
Next Meeting	The next Communications Council meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012, in the district office conference room.