

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Summary of Meeting of Communications Council

January 31, 2012

Present

Tom Mester, Lacy Barnes, Jeff Ragan, Tony Cantu, Claudia Habib, Melanie Highfill, Christopher Coronado, Randy Rowe, Ernie Garcia, Jothany Blackwood, Diane Clerou, Harold Seymour, Larry Dickson, Deborah Blue, Nina Acosta, Mitjl Capet, Donna Gardner, Ed Eng Tony Cantu

Review of Draft Board Meeting Agenda for February 7, 2012

Dr. Blue reviewed the Draft Board agenda with Communications Council. Mr. Eng reviewed information regarding the mid-year reduction proposal. He clarified that summer school will be cut through June, with the exception of the year-round classes. There will be further discussion regarding the rest of summer session. Dr. Blue stated Mr. Fox will contact the state chancellor's office regarding the academic calendar to determine if it needs to be changed, since the district offers some year-long classes that include the summer sessions.

Dr. Blue reviewed item 12-13 regarding the title change for vice chancellor of the North Centers and an update on the position of associate vice chancellor of Human Resources (AVC-HR). Dr. Blue advised that the district will hire someone on a temporary basis, and postpone recruitment for the permanent AVC-HR.

Strategic Conversations

Dr. Blackwood reviewed the draft agenda and format for the strategic conversation.

Ms. Clerou stated the deadline for the rsvp for participation in the strategic conversation is February 3rd. Students are encouraged to participate. Ms. Clerou reviewed the format for the strategic conversation event. To date, 100 people have responded to attend.

Recommended, Draft District Strategic Planning Committee Operating Guidelines

Dr. Blackwood reviewed the draft district strategic planning committee operating agreement, with the changes that were recommended by Chancellor's Cabinet and Communications Council. The changes made were not substantive, rather clarifying. Mr. Oliver requested language be changed to allow CSEA to select its member from any location, rather than a particular campus. Dr. Barnes requested to include a statement regarding Communications Council approval of the document. Dr. Blackwood stated she needs the names of the representatives, who will be invited to attend the first meeting of the newly constituted committee, on February 24, 2012.

AR7223 (Interim Appointment to Vacant Academic Administrator Position)

Mr. Rowe reviewed the decision making process for the amendment of AR 7223. The revisions align the administrative regulation language to Title 5, section 53021. In terms of the difference between "interim" (current employee) and "acting" (not a current employee), Title 5 only defines and uses the term interim. The revised Administrative Regulation defines the difference between interim and acting for our district. In addition, the sentence regarding an interim not being able to apply for a position was

struck and the process of interim appointment was clarified with approval of the chancellor. The terms interim and acting were both included where appropriate throughout this administrative regulation. Dr. Barnes requested additional clarification on the terms acting and interim.

Mr. Ragan reviewed Reedley College Academic Senate's recommendations and asked Mr. Rowe why the recommendations were not considered. Mr. Rowe stated Chancellor's Cabinet used terminology which aligned with Title 5 requirements. The remainder of the senate's recommendations were considered, but not accepted by Chancellor's Cabinet.

Student Success
Task Force
Draft
Recommendations
Campus
reports

Dr. Habib and Mr. Ragan stated the senates were currently reviewing the recommendations and would report back during the next Communications Council meeting.

Mr. Seymour stated the North Center's faculty review of the recommendations produced several concerns. How will the implementation of the proposed recommendations be financed? The recommendations will produce a need for more counselors. How will the recommendations align with the K-12 processes? There are also concerns about the standardization of curriculum.

Dr. Blue stated it was important to begin the discussion regarding the recommendations and then discuss how to proceed.

Mr. Coronado stated the student body requests to be advised of any major decisions made by the district. Transparency is important.

Second review of
Communications
Council January
27, 2011 retreat

Dr. Blue stated the biggest void is a formal district governance structure. Mr. Cantu stated that March will be the target date for the discussion. Dr. Blue stated she is considering augmenting Chancellor's Cabinet meetings to include Communications Council members on an as needed basis.

Update on the
2009-2010
District-wide
Summary of the
Priorities and
Recommendations
based on the
College
Educational Master
Plans

Dr. Blue advised Council she sent the document to the Board as a resource document, in preparation for the strategic planning process. It will be placed on the district webpage.

Around the
Table and
Check-outs

Dr. Blue discussed the recent Fresno Bee article, and the incorrect reporting in the article. She reviewed the Cabinet discussion regarding summer school, as it related to the full-time equivalent student apportionment funding cap. The district's enrollment management target goal for 2011-2012 was 5 percent over the apportionment funding cap. She shared the challenges with communication and the messages that filtered through to the campuses. Due

to the state chancellor's office change in the FTES calculation formula, coupled with changes in staffing Admissions and Records, our initial projections were inaccurate. Staff is working together across the district to enhance our enrollment management projections and planning.

Mr. Ragan stated the Reedley academic senate submitted comments regarding Administrative Regulation 2410, and is waiting for a reply. He requested a copy of the latest draft of AR 2410. Dr. Blue stated AR2410 will be placed on the next Communications Council agenda.

Next Meeting

The next Communications Council meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the district office conference room.