

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Summary of Meeting of Communications Council  
October 26, 2010

Present

Deborah G. Blue, Cynthia Azari, Ernie Garcia, Barbara Hioco, Terry Kershaw, Lacy Barnes, Randy Rowe, Bill Turini, Teresa Patterson, Nina Acosta

Review of  
Meeting  
Agenda and  
Check-in

Council reviewed meeting agenda. Mr. Turini requested the topic of sabbaticals be added to the agenda.

Ernie Garcia – The Classified Senate is hosting a training session on Travel and Conference forms today.

Dr. Hioco – Dr. Hioco reported on upcoming campus celebrations, including a tailgate celebration in recognition of recent grant and scholarship awards.

Melanie Highfill – Classified Senate held elections at the October meeting, with the following results: President – Melanie Highfill, Vice President – Brian Shamp, Corinna Lemos – Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Helen Garcia – Past President. Flex session will take place on November 1. Topics of discussion for the session include “Know your Rights”, hosted by CSEA and updates on accreditation, integrated planning and the budget.

Dr. Kershaw – The Fall Harvest Festival will take place on the Madera and Willow campuses on October 27 and October 28, respectively. CSU application workshops will take place soon.

Dr. Patterson – The Black Metro Chamber is hosting a reception for Dr. Blue October 28, at 5:30 p.m., at International Catering.

Mr. Turini – The Reedley Academic Senate’s second October meeting is today. The next election for the Senate will take place in November.

Mr. Rowe stated the recommendation for the members of the AR7120 (Procedures for Recruitment and Employment of College Faculty), committee consist of the vice presidents from Reedley and Fresno City College, two academic senate representatives from Reedley and Fresno City College, and one from the North Center faculty. Communication Council agreed with this recommendation and moving it forward for approval by Chancellor’s Cabinet.

Dr. Azari reported on an event for the children of the community residing near Fresno City College, to celebrate Halloween.

Ms. Barnes stated the Executive Council of the State Federation of Teachers held their first retreat. One of the main topics of discussion was philanthropy and community involvement.

Review of  
Board Meeting  
Agenda for  
November 2,  
2010

Ms. Barnes requested clarification on item 12 of the consent agenda (Consideration to Authorize Sub-Agreement with Los Rios Community College District for Information Technology Professionals in Health Care Program, Fresno City College).

Council discussed the Allied Health presentation.

Administrative  
Regulation  
3420

Mr. Rowe provided historical background on Proposition 209. When Prop 209 passed in 1996, the State Chancellor’s Office responded with amended regulations in August 12, 2002, replacing affirmative action with equal employment opportunity (EEO) planning and hiring requirements. However, issues remained with the revised Title 5 regulations. The proposed revisions to Title 5 will be presented to the Consultation Council on November 18, 2010. When approved by the Board of Governors, hopefully in the spring of 2011, community college districts’ diversity committees will use these new regulations to complete their Model Equal Employment Opportunity Plans. Mr. Rowe recommended forming a committee in early spring in anticipation of the new regulations completion. Mr. Rowe said he will prepare a background summary for the Council to be distributed at the next meeting.

District  
Educational  
Master Plan

Dr. Blue reported the District Educational Master plan will not be included in the Board of Trustees November meeting agenda. She has asked Dr. Patterson, Brian Speece and Robert Fox to review the document, from the District’s perspective, and report back to her. Dr. Blue asked if there are any areas within the District that are underserved and have we adequately addressed participation rates.

The Council identified the following issues:

<u>District issues</u>	<u>Campus Issues</u>
Participation rates/demographics	completion rates
Define meaning identify groups/sub groups	technical needs
New facilities needs- what/where	facilities needs
Technology needs -what/where	enrollment management
Enrollment management per participation rates	
Emerging themes districtwide	

Dr. Blue stated these preceding issues should “bubble - up” from each campus, then it can be addressed at the district level.

Ms. Barnes asked if accreditation was the only thing driving the vision.

Dr. Blue stated the next Communication Council meeting will again focus on the District Educational Master Plan. She stated it is important to have the

dialogue and asks the Council members to be physically present rather than via teleconference. The November meeting location will be Willow International.

Sabbaticals

Dr. Blue stated, although the state budget has been signed, there are several unanswered issues. The question of when the sabbaticals for 2011-2012 will be funded will not be addressed until spring (between February and May of 2011). Dr. Blue stated she supports sabbaticals and understands their value. She agrees to honor the program at the appropriate time.

Mr. Rowe stated it is up to the committee to address the list of applicants, and who is eligible for sabbaticals, once they are approved.

Around the  
Table and  
Check-Outs

Dr. Blue stated the District has contracted with the College Brain Trust to work on the Organizational Review. The members of the College Brain Trust team are Mr. Ray Giles, Dr. Bob Jensen, Mr. Mike Brandy and Dr. Fran White. Dr. Blue has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Giles and Mr. Jensen this evening.

Ms. Barnes asked about the timeline. Dr. Blue stated the goal is to complete information gathering by December.

Future Agenda  
Items

1. District Budget Development and Allocation Process
2. Crosswalk of College and Districts Strategic Plans
3. Reports and Board of Trustee Meetings

Next Meeting

The next Communications Council meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at Willow International, room AC1-270.