

FACULTY SENATES COORDINATING COUNCIL
of the Contra Costa Community College District

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February 12, 2009
MEETING SUMMARY
APPROVED

TIME: 2:00-3:30

LOCATION: CCCConfer

PRESENT: Ray Goralka, Laurie Lema, Virginia Richards, Michael Norris, Richard Akers

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None.

Item #	Topic/Activity		Responsible Person(s)	Time Line
1.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>It was MSC to approve the agenda of February 12, 2009 as amended. All in favor. Approved.</p> <p>It was MSC to approve the minutes of January 22, 2009. All in favor. Approved.</p>		
2.	PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
3.	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Lema announced the DVC Faculty Senate has formed a San Ramon Campus/Pleasant Hill Campus Task Force to work on issues of hiring, curriculum and faculty evaluations between the campuses. She said she will share what they are doing since LMC may have some of the same issues with their new satellite campus. She explained the membership includes faculty from areas that are working well between the campuses and areas that are having challenges between the campuses.		
	CONSULTATION ITEMS	<p>Council discussed the impact on the colleges' senates from the proposed Academic Senate Budget Guidelines and the Reassigned Time Guidelines. Akers said CCC Senate operates on a deficit now and the proposed budget would still leave them with a deficit although it would be reduced. Lema commented a small decrease in the budget might be acceptable if the district would continue to pay the membership fees for the Statewide Academic Senate and the senate presidents' honorariums, and the curriculum chairs.</p> <p>Norris said the LMC senate recommends curriculum chairs get reassigned time as opposed to stipends. to give them time to do their job on the committee.</p> <p>Laurie said the proposal was to give the senates some flexibility in their budgets but it does not ensure the funding for curriculum chairs would be consistent.</p>		

		<p>Akers commented the proposed budget does not encourage senates to save money because they won't be able to roll it over but they would be penalized if they go over budget. Council discussed recommending setting a percentage of the budget that they could rollover. They agreed that this allows planning for the following year if there is a large need coming up for the senate for example a conference or equipment needs.</p> <p>Norris said he is concerned with the disparities between the 3 college senates' budgets, and clerical support. Council discussed the differences in duties of the clerical support at the colleges and agreed there should be consistency in not only the funding but the clerical support provided to all three senates.</p> <p>Lema informed Council she sent copies of letters and emails to Council that she had sent to UF President Jeffrey Michels regarding pay for the FSCC president. Council reviewed in the proposed Reassigned Time Guidelines the FSCC president is not listed. Lema said Council needs to be clear in Consultation that if there is no FSCC president there will not be an FSCC and there would be no collaboration between the college senates. Norris agreed to express this to the chancellor at the next consultation.</p> <p>Council agreed they would like to know the process that was used to come up with the proposed senate budget. Council agreed to share their senate budgets including typical expenditures for comparison and to calculate what the total allocation from the district should be.</p> <p>Lema reminded Council the district received a recommendation from the Accrediting Commission to develop a budget model. She said that faculty needs to pay close attention to the development of the model. Council discussed if the development process or approval of the model is an academic and professional matter. Goralka suggested contacting the State systems office to get clarification.</p>	<p>Norris</p> <p>Lema, Norris, Akers</p> <p>Lema</p>	
5.	DGC FOLLOW-UP	<p>Lema Norris and Akers all said they will be attending the cherratt to work on the district strategic Plan.</p> <p>Lema said DVC Senate has not had a chance to discuss the District Strategic Plan. Norris mentioned LMC's concerns at a previous meeting and he will bring them to the cherratt.</p>		
	DVC GENERAL EDUCATION	<p>Goralka reminded Council DVC has approved changes in the DVC GE pattern. As part of those changes DVC wants to request a reduction of Board requirements for GE that are part of the CSU/UC pattern. He said he has heard some discussion from LMC on requesting a change in Board requirements for online degrees. He requested FSCC discuss combining a proposal to the board to address both or these issues.</p>		

		<p>Norris said he would like to see what DVC is proposing in writing. Akers agreed that we could discuss combining proposals. Goralka said he would have to discuss the online degree aspect with the DVC Senate.</p> <p>Goralka said he will send a proposal to Council to share with their senates.</p> <p>Norris said he will talk to the Distance education Faculty at LMC for their input.</p>	<p>Goralka</p> <p>Norris</p>	
6.	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE STANDARDIZED FORMULA FOR THE UNIFORM HIRING SELECTION GUIDE	<p>Akers emailed a proposal for standardizing the years of experience formula for equivalencies in faculty hiring. His proposal include 1 year of work experience would equal 1 upper division unit, 2 years of work experience would equal 1 graduate unit. He said these numbers are a proposal and can be negotiated but there needs to be consistency throughout the district.</p> <p>Council discussed the forms the colleges use for equivalencies and agreed the colleges should all be using the same forms. Council will forward their forms to each other for further discussion.</p> <p>Lema said she wants to get feedback before discussing the numbers.</p> <p>Council discussed some examples from their colleges where the guide was not consistently followed. The colleges do not all follow the same process as to who signs off on equivalencies. Lema said DVC is not having the same issues that the other two colleges are having but they still need a standard process.</p>		
8.	OTHER			
9.	ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned 3:00		