

FACULTY SENATES COORDINATING COUNCIL
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December 12, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED

TIME: 1:30-3:00

LOCATION: CCCConfer

PRESENT: Michael Norris, Laurie Lema, Virginia Richards, Keith Mikolavich, Richard Akers, Ann Patton

ABSENT: April Tisby

GUESTS: Nancy Ybarra

Item #	Topic/Activity		Responsible Person(s)	Time Line
1.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES	<p>It was MSC to approve the agenda of December 12, 2009. All in favor. Approved.</p> <p>It was MSC to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009, with corrections. All in favor. Approved.</p>		
2.	PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
3.	ANNOUNCEMENTS			
4.	Sabbatical Report	<p>Nancy Ybarra distributed to Council a summary of her survey results regarding her sabbatical project on developing teaching and learning academy for faculty. She said the entire survey is available in the Staff Development Offices.</p> <p>She reviewed the results with Council. She said about 31% of full-time faculty and 4% of part-time faculty responded.</p> <p>She said Credit courses was ranked number 4 but there were 59 people that supported the idea and most were for upper division credits.</p> <p>Akers asked if those that were further in their careers were sorted out as they would not be as interested in taking those classes.</p> <p>Ybarra said she did break the respondents out by age.</p> <p>She reported she has shared these results with the District-wide Staff Development Committee, and the Chancellor's Cabinet. She distributed to Council a list of what some other community colleges are doing in this area and said there are some good models being used.</p> <p>She then distributed to Council a list of in order what she thinks would be viable for our district. She added that there were 44 classified and 10 managers also interested.</p> <p>She explained the first option is to host a district-wide teaching seminar series, similar to Great Teachers. Or, we could have a Great</p>		

		<p>Teachers Seminar and bring those topics forward and have an in-district MOU to provide credit. This would cost \$60 a unit thru CSU East Bay if they are taught by community college instructors. And there are some options for those that just want to sit in and not get credit. The number of units would depend on how many hours are involved. The participants could get either units or Flex credit. She then explained Option 2 has a preset curriculum and could be done at a later time. And the third option involves collaboration with CSU East Bay in which there are more options and the cost would vary depending on which option within option 3 was implemented.</p> <p>Lema said she will have Lisa Orta, the DVC Staff Development Coordinator present it to the DVC Faculty Senate. Akers said he will contact their Staff Development person and see if they can make a presentation. Norris asked Ybarra to present it to his Senate.</p>		
5.	Consultation Items	<p>Norris emailed a spreadsheet to Council showing the distribution of Senate funds to the colleges. Council agreed they don't have to use the district model to allocate these funds.</p> <p>Council agreed Academic State Senate dues, honorariums for the Senate Presidents, and stipends will come off the top of the senate budget before allocating to the colleges.</p> <p>Council discussed the option of the District making the payments for the above listed expenses and then pay it back out of the Senate budget as that may be more efficient than each college having to transfer money for joint payments. They also discussed that the State Academic Senate dues are based on FTES of which DVC has the most so the numbers should be calculated how that would effect the other colleges allocations if it came off the top.</p> <p>Akers said it is important that faculty develop a budget model that gives them autonomy in allocating funds as they are needed as his budget has always been inadequate and he ends up essentially having to beg for money.</p> <p>Lema said she wants to help support CCC but at what point of time will they know what their college will do to support their Senate. She added that the DVC Senate office gets more support from their college than the other two colleges because the office staff also supports FSCC.</p> <p>Akers said his senate office is doing things that should be in the Instruction office. He said he thinks his college will help support their senate until their online curriculum system is up and the positions are filled.</p> <p>Council reviewed and discussed the spreadsheet Norris put together. Lema said they still need to decide if they should allocate to the colleges based on FTES after they take the dues, honorariums, and stipends off the top. Or do they divide the remainder equally? Norris said he will rework the spreadsheet to show the different options.</p> <p>Council briefly discussed if the back pay for the FSCC chair position should come off the top and agreed it should.</p>	Norris	
6.	New Budget Model	This discussion was combined with the discussion on item 5.		
7.	ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting Adjourned 3:00</p> <p>Last meeting of the semester. Next meeting TBA.</p>		

