

**FACULTY SENATES COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
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January 28, 2010

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**APPROVED**

**TIME: 1:30-3:00**

**LOCATION: CCCConfer**

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

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Nancy Ybarra

Item #	Topic/Activity		Responsible Person(s)	Time Line
1.	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES</b>	<b>It was MSC to approve the agenda of January 28, 2010. All in favor. Approved.</b> The minutes of December 10, 2009 were not ready for review.		
2.	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None.		
3.	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			
	<b>Sabbatical Report Project Follow-up</b>	Nancy Ybarra distributed a plan that includes several options for implementation of her sabbatical project on credit courses for teaching and learning academies. She said she developed the plan with input from Lisa Orta, DVC Staff Development Coordinator. She explained option 2 would give FSCC a greater role in designing the course. She said funding would come off the top of District Staff Development funds. Norris asked which college would "own" the course. Ybarra responded that she is working with the UF and she is hopeful the course will provide upper division credit within the district and no one college would "own" it. Ybarra said she can help with presenting this to the local senates asked that they provide feedback through their staff development committees. Ybarra said she will send out final copies of the plan and make appointments with the Staff development Coordinators within the next few weeks.		
	<b>District Budget Model</b>	Council discussed how the reserves would work under the new budget model. Akers asked if each college and the district office have 7% reserves would that be a larger amount than a 7% reserve out of the entire district budget? Akers said the Chancellor had said there would be no duties shifted from the district office to the colleges because of the new budget model. Norris suggested Council come up with duties they feel would be shifted to the colleges. They agreed the following areas could be affected: recruiting and hiring, Box2A, Payroll, technology support, Police Services, and Human Resources.		

		<p>Lema said there is also a question on how accrued liabilities will be paid. Council also agreed budget timelines and decisions pending on budget information will be impacted. Council is also concerned how the 50% law will be monitored.</p> <p>Lema said the district needs to have limits too so they don't put a burden on the colleges by spending too much, hiring too much, etc. Akers asked how the colleges will create their own reserves.</p> <p>Lema would like FSCC to discuss how to design a budget process and help each other to design one for each of the colleges.</p>		
	<b>Study Abroad</b>	<p>Lema said a meeting with the Study Abroad office has been scheduled. She said the committee is dysfunctional and she will be working with Susan Lamb to work on ideas before the next Consultation. She will send those to FSCC before the meeting.</p> <p>Se said the major issues were the committee, what role, the connection to the senate, load, recruitment and support.</p> <p>Lema expressed the need to push for a faculty coordinator with release time.</p> <p>Mikolavich stated the problems all seem to be a disconnect between faculty and the program.</p>		
	<b>Brown Act</b>	<p>Norris said the district has defined that Academic Senates are Brown Act bodies but there are questions about all shared governance bodies. Lema asked why Council is discussing this.</p> <p>Norris and Akers said their senates are pressuring to not be Brown Act bodies.</p> <p>Norris read from a 1992 report from the State Attorney General that said Senates are Brown Act bodies.</p>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Meeting Adjourned 3:00</p> <p><b>Next meeting February 11, 2010.</b></p>		