

**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council
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1.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 17, AND MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING. There were no minutes available. Neil, Laurie, Richard, Michael, and Ginny attended.
2.	PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – There was no public attendance.
3.	ANNOUNCEMENTS Ginny has not been receiving the FSCC emails. Her email address should be @LMC. The Interim President candidates for LMC are being interviewed today by the Chancellor. Akers is sending the CCC Senate vice-president, Kenyetta Tribble, to the Leadership Conference in Orinda.
4.	INTRODUCTIONS New Council members for the 2011-2012 year were announced. Wayne Organ has been elected Senate President for CCC. Lema will continue as Senate President for DVC with Beth McBrien as her vice-president. LMC has not had their election yet.
5./ 6.	ONLINE INSTRUCTIONAL PLATFORM/INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AT CONSULTATION Council followed-up on the conversations in consultation regarding instructional technology and the need to put this item on the consultation agenda when changes and implmentatins are being discussed; and discussed the process for selecting a new platform for online instruction. There will be a task group formed in Fall. Akers assumes any action will come from the Chancellor's Consultation. Norris will contact Mojeh regarding the formation and charge of the group and will email that information to the FSCC. Akers brought the issue to the CCC Senate. Lema stressed that adequate training is needed for faculty. It appears that the online instructional platform will be Blackboard with the possibility of Noodle. Neil said that five websites can be gotten free from Blackboard. LMC uses some Course Compass. Neil says that Course Compass works with Blackboard. CCC is down to two IT people. Faculty are using publishers' software. If FSCC is not happy with the task group organization, it will be negotiated. Akers thanked Lema and Norris for bringing up the issue of technology at the Chancellor's Consultation.
7.	DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN Council discussed the status of the District Strategic Plan. Akers is working with Tim Clow doing a Research and Planning "road show" regarding the planning model and how it filters down through the process. He will email the PowerPoint for that presentation to Lema and Norris. Lema feels that the plan looks fine but is concerned with the new degree numbers achievability (under Student Learning). Akers agreed that having set numbers now isn't reasonable. LMC is concerned also. Lema doesn't want it to end up on the faculty shoulders to get these increased numbers. Lema is thinking that certificates could be stepping stones to degrees, which makes sense. Akers feels that increased certificates lead to better employment in the Vocational Education sector. Some certificates lead nowhere and don't service our students. The FSCC position is that they have concerns in doubling certificates without enough concern for what this will lead the students to. The number of certificates that the state wants an increase in, to meet the mandate, is a concern. Concentration should be on those certificates that lead to an employment, and to the certificates used as stepping stones to degrees. Norris asked about the Vision Statement and it was decided that the word "compassion" should be changed to "achievements." Also, "well-being" should be changed to" well rounded, productive, involved citizens. Also, the section under Transfer Education (page 16) that reads "prepares students for transfer to 4-year institutions and life..." should be changed to "prepares students for transfer to 4-year institutions and for greater economic success in life." Lifelong learning should be kept, but Lema would like a different term that "lifelong learning."
8.	SS 3025 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION Council discussed the status and their position on the proposed changes to District Student Services Procedure 3025. Akers said that Bill Oye gave a presentation at the CCC Senate Council meeting. The FSCC had no concerns with most of the document but that the second change should include the change "to limit "that" expression".
9.	DGC RESERVE RECOMMENDATIONS Council discussed their position on DGC

	recommendations for use of the District reserves. The Chancellor asked the Board if it was necessary to receive the permission of the DGC to go down to 8% reserve if deemed necessary. FSCC agrees that the DGC should deem whether it is necessary to lower the reserves. This will be voted on today at DGC.
10.	FSCC BYLAWS Council reviewed and agreed that there were no changes needed to be made to the FSCC bylaws.
12.	FSCC 2011-2012 PRESIDENT Council discussed and voted on the FSCC President for 2011-2012. Lema will be the FSCC president next year since both other Faculty Senate presidents will be newly incoming. Wayne Organ will be part of the DGC Steering Committee.
13.	YEAR END WRAP UP Council discussed the work on this year's goals. They agreed that the district got a "bang for buck" this year since there was no stipend allocated. Everyone thanked each other for a "job well done." They liked the once a month meetings before DGC. There was some discussion regarding the Teaching Academy, since Walter Masuda is leaving CCC. They also discussed the retirement incentive.
14.	Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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