

**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council
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**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Minutes
Approved**

**Faculty Senates Coordinating Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
1:30 PM-2:30 PM**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2014 AND THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2014 MEETING. (discussion/action)

Lema requested the agenda be amended to include a discussion of District Policy 2059 and 1023 as item 6. Also she said DVC Curriculum Chair Mike Chisar requested FSCC have a discussion about repeatability. It will be added as item 7.
It was MSC to approve the agenda of February 12, 2014 as amended. All in favor. Approved.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of January 15, 2014. All in favor. Approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - All Meetings Are Open - Everyone Welcome (information only)
None.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COUNCIL COMMENT (information only)
None

4. CLASS AUDIT POLICY (information/discussion)
Council will discuss the implications of adopting a class audit policy.

Council reviewed the recently approved DVC policy on Class Auditing. Organ said CCC has a similar policy. Henderson said LMC does not have one yet but thinks they would approve one. Lema clarified the DVC Senate approved it but the college has not yet. She said there are a few issues to be worked out. Lema said the DVC debate was if an instructor had to allow someone to audit and they decided it is up to the instructor. Henderson said LMC will be discussing it soon. Lema said the DVC policy is coming back to consultation with Garcia. Organ said CCC has had theirs for about 15 years. He said LMC could adopt the same language and then FSCC could develop a district wide policy. Lema said usually it works the other way around and she does not want to get bogged down on details that the colleges don't agree on. Organ said this policy is important in getting public support to pass the bond measure. He said if we don't allow auditing we are telling many they are not welcome here.

5. POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX (information/discussion)
Council will discuss a proposal to explore a Partnership with the University of Phoenix.

Organ and Lema said they don't know anything about this proposal. Henderson said he thinks anytime we can partner with the community it elevates the public consciousness about two year institutions. He thinks as society moves to address segments with disadvantages these partnerships can help. Lema said she does not disagree with partnering with 4-year schools but not with for profit colleges. Organ said University of Phoenix is a diploma mill. It is primarily online. They are known to have low graduation rates. They have a high default rate. And they pull in students who end up owing a lot of money. Henderson said our district accepts units from them for our employees to move up the pay scale. Lema said we wait and hear what the proposal is and make no decisions that day unless we are all in agreement. But we can always say we need to take it back to our faculty. Organ said it could be that our students can take classes they offer that fit into our degrees if they can't get into those classes here. Lema and Henderson disagree that we should partner with them for that reason. They want to focus on us being able to offer baccalaureate degrees. Council agreed to wait to hear the proposal.

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| 6. | <p>DISTRICT BP 2059-DIVERSITY AND BP 1023-EQUITY IN STUDENT ACIEVEMENT</p> <p>Henderson said he received very few comments about these procedures. He said the only suggestion he received was to replace the word humility with sensitivity in BP had minimal comments – the word humility vs sensitivity DVC did not have many either</p> |
| 7. | <p>REPEATABILITY</p> <p>Lema said Mike Chisar feels there are things that still need to be resolved about the repeatability families. Council agreed to invite him to a meeting before they bring it up at consultation.</p> |
| 8. | <p>BROWN ACT FINDINGS (information/discussion) Council will review and discuss the findings from District on Brown Act compliance for governance bodies.</p> <p>Organ said there are some changes to the Brown Act that will impact our senates. Lema said to comply with the changes her senate had been recording votes in the minutes as all present were in favor when the vote was unanimous. She said at her senate’s last meeting they had a contentious issue and there was a no vote in the minority. So every members vote is to be recorded in the minutes. Henderson asked for clarification on the changes. Lema explained that we are now required to record each person’s vote on every matter that comes to a vote in a Brown Act body. Henderson said then that means this also applies to management council. Lema agrees because they are listed as a constituency. Organ said they were not formed by a legislative act. Lema said they are listed as a constituency. And if they are voting they should have to publish agendas and minutes. Organ said the role of management needs to be clarified.</p> |
| 9. | <p>CI4001 STANDARDS OF SCHOLARSHIP (information/discussion) Council will discuss the District Curriculum and Instruction Procedure 4001 on Standards of Scholarship.</p> <p>Council members have not looked at this procedure yet so it will have to come to a future meeting. They noted it is on the consultation agenda but they do not know why.</p> |
| 10. | <p>BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES (information/discussion) Guest: Marshall Alameida, Director of Nursing, Contra Costa College</p> <p>Alameida said there is a proposal to offer a baccalaureate degree in the nursing program at CCC which he presented to the Board. He said he was not aware that the process was to bring it to faculty first so he would like to do that at this time. Almaeida explained a state task force was formed to investigate community colleges offering baccalaureate degrees and he was a member. He said nursing became the focal point in their conversations. They then presented a report to state chancellor. He said they looked at if there a demand and a lack of capacity in the state system as was laid out in the state education master plan. Lema said the legislation has not been approved at this time. Henderson said he is aware that somewhere in the education code a four-year school can offer a two-year degree in agriculture. If they can do that then community colleges should be able to offer baccalaureate degrees. Lema asked how will decisions will be made for what type of programs will be offered. Will it be one focus per college or per district? Alamaeida said he has seen language about pilot programs but it is all up in the air right now. Henderson said he thinks the pushback is around the increase in political power that community colleges would gain. It would allow community colleges to serve the whole person but that is not how it is being looked at. Lema said we need to have conversations at the colleges before we decide if we support it. The legislation has not passed so we have some time. Organ said he has invited Alamaeida to a senate meeting and LMC and DVC should do the same. Henderson suggested they reach out to the senate presidents at some of the 4 year colleges. Lema asked what is in it for DVC since they don’t have a nursing program. Alamaeida responded that whatever we do at one college enhances us all. Also, a lot of students take pre-requisites at other colleges. Lema asked about how many could be offered per college or district. Alamaeida said it could be similar to technology hubs that include several colleges. Henderson said it should be used for degrees that are not offered at the 4 years colleges or ones that have a high demand. Alamaeida said the information needs to be disseminated to help gather support.</p> |
| 11. | <p>DISCIPLINES TO COURSES (information/discussion) Council will discuss the decision process for assigning courses to disciplines.</p> |

Organ spoke with LeBaron Woodyard and it was a confusing conversation. Organ said Woodyard thinks classes can only have a single discipline and he was confusing course names with disciplines.
Organ said it seems the Standards and Practices Committee in the State Chancellor's Office thinks they agree with Woodyard but they really are on opposite sides.
Organ said we need to get some resolution on this so he is going to ask the Standards and Practices Committee to consult with the State Chancellor to come to some sort of agreement.

12. STUDY ABROAD REASSIGNED TIME (information/discussion)

Council will discuss the need for reassigned time for a Study Abroad Program Coordinator.

Lema thought it had been agreed to support Study Abroad as a districtwide program and that the district should support the reassign time.
Lema will check with Alek Ilich and Scott MacDougall to see if they can come to consultation and let Organ know so he can request it be put on the consultation agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT