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Wednesday, April 13, 2016
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

1:30-1:35 (5 min)	1.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 13, 2016 AND MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2016. (discussion/action) It was MSC to approve the agenda for April 13, 2016 and the minutes of March 9, 2016. All in favor. Approved.</p>
1:35-1:37 (2 min)	2.	<p>PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - All Meetings Are Open - Everyone Welcome (information only) None.</p>
1:37-1:40 (3 min)	3.	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS/COUNCIL COMMENT (information only) Henderson thanked Goehring and McBrien for helping to organize the joint senate meeting on April 11 and said he thought it went well</p>
1:40-1:50 (10 min)	4.	<p>PLUS/MINUS (information/discussion/action) McBrien and Council will report on their respective college's position on plus/minus grading. McBrien said the DVC Senate voted no on adopting plus minus grading. She said the English Division was the only one that voted yes. She said the majority felt the data was convincing that it is not beneficial to students. Goehring said their Admissions and Records was waiting for their Senate vote and they now say it has to go to the deans for discussion. Henderson said at LMC they have been having issues with managers signing documents that relate to academic and professional matters. He said they should only be signing to say they have seen it, not to approve it. Goehring said CCC is having that issue with Leave forms. Henderson said he will discuss it with his college president to resolve this issue.</p>
1:50-2:00 (10 min)	5.	<p>4CD DISTRICT PLENARY SESSION DEBRIEFING (information/discussion/action) FSCC will review and discuss what was accomplished at the DW Academic Senates Plenary and any next steps needed. Council agreed a joint senate meeting should take place either every year or every semester. McBrien commented that having just one year is just reporting out and does not allow for collaborative projects. Goehring agreed and said the topics were good but it was not enough time to go too deep into any of them. Henderson said there should be at least one face-to-face meeting a year and perhaps the second one could be via CCCConfer or streaming video. McBrien suggested breakout groups during the session. Council agreed next time to cover only one or two topics.</p>

2:00-2:20
(20 min)

6.

CHANCELLOR BENJAMIN (information/discussion)

Council will discuss current district faculty matters with the District Chancellor.

Benjamin said she heard from Gene Huff the joint meeting went very well. She said it should be a regular event.

Benjamin asked Council if there is anything they need from her before she retires.

Henderson said one area we have challenges in is the senates having to pay for their curriculum chair out of their budgets.

McBrien agreed and noted the chair load has increased. However each college handles it differently in how much reassign time they allot for the chair and other senate leadership positions.

Benjamin told Council to write up how each college handles this and rationale for an increase in funds and they can then schedule a special meeting.

Benjamin said she would like to see even more being done to address diversity issues than we are already doing. She said she will jot some ideas down for consideration. She said she also would like to talk to the entire faculty currently being hired to get feedback on the process and addressing diversity issues that came up. Henderson commented that the hires seem to be more diverse this time than previous hiring rounds.

Benjamin said this topic should be on a DGC agenda.

Benjamin told Council she is looking at the Accreditation Commission practices and how they are working. She will be meeting with Julie Bruno on April 21 and 27. She suggested FSCC members consider serving on an accreditation visiting team.

Benjamin said she wants to make sure the FSCC representatives' terms are staggered so they don't all leave at the same time to ensure continuity of their work.

Benjamin said she would also like to see more serious bias training for all employees. Henderson said Council will put together some ideas and schedule a meeting with her to discuss them. Goehring said they should not schedule a workshop or training during the summer. McBrien said they could develop a workshop to offer during Flex. Henderson reminded Benjamin that all activities fall within faculty workday guidelines.

2:20-2:40
(20 min)

7.

TERRORISM STUDIES (information/discussion/action)

Henderson and Vice Chancellor Andrew Jones will discuss with Council in what discipline Terrorism Studies should be placed.

Jones proposed the Terrorism Studies Program be multi-discipline. Goehring said CCC does not have a multi-disciplinary program and no one would want to own it and be responsible for program reviews, etc.

Jones said it could be offered as a certificate or a degree but it needs a pipeline and he thinks it's a good opportunity for the district.

Henderson commented that multi-disciplinary degrees don't tend to lead to employment. A Multidisciplinary degree says they are not an expert in any one area but he does like the concept of this program.

McBrien said the DVC Scheduling Committee is where some of these conversations should take place and it would be a good place to get feedback

Jones commented that when enrollment starts to sag again, we need to have current programs.

Henderson said he will bring this topic to his senate

Jones said he agrees that employment prospects are important however he was thinking this would fill a gap. He said he read an article that said we need 75000 people in this field to address this in the future.

<p>2:40-3:00 (20 min)</p>	<p>8.</p>	<p>Equivalencies (information/discussion/action) Goehring and Council will discuss and compare their respective college's equivalency approval process.</p> <p>Goehring asked Council if they want to revisit the district's policy on equivalencies. Henderson said this will be discussion topic at the Plenary Session. He suggested this could be a topic for the next joint senate meeting. McBrien commented that the survey on this done by the State senate shows that colleges are all over the map in how they interpret the state guidelines. Council agreed this topic needs to be discussed in depth and come to a common understanding.</p>
<p>2:00</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING MAY 11, 2016 1:30-3:00 (Last meeting of the 15-16 academic year).</p>