

College Council Minutes

March 4, 2011



Present: Greg Chamberlain, Candice Sifuentes, Nick Strobel, Corny Rodriguez, Laura Borneman, Tom Greenwood, Hamid Eydgahi (Suderman Alternate), Anna Agenjo, Edi Nelson, Janet Thomas, Pam Boyles, Sue Vaughn, Kathy Rosellini, Brent Damron, Primavera Arvizu, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Joyce Ester, Debbie Spohn (recorder)

Guests: Kate Pluta - Accreditation Steering Committee Co-Chair, Todd Coston - IT Director

1.	Welcome - Agenda Review
2.	<p>Review Previous Minutes Regarding the possibility of outsourcing the Bookstore, a final decision to outsource has not yet been made. Two bids were received - Barnes & Noble and Follett; both companies are prepared to move quickly once a decision is made and a contract is negotiated. A decision should be made by the April board meeting. Both companies are fully prepared to work with vouchers, etc.</p>
3.	<p>Accreditation The second quarterly report was posted in Public Folders. Included was a description of the goals. This list will serve as a reminder to measure progress. The philosophy statement has been modified; copies were provided. This will be an item for voting at the next Academic Senate meeting. Please provide feedback.</p> <p>The Accreditation Steering Committee is currently working on linkage between the unit plan, program review, and budget. They are also looking at accessibility of information, as Public Folders are not as user friendly as hoped.</p> <p>The Self Evaluation Committee is working on training dates. Faculty co-chairs are still needed for Financial Resources, Instructional Programs, and Facilities.</p> <p>The Steering Committee is really taking on the task of focusing our efforts far beyond the accreditation visit. Kate and Rebecca Mooney have developed a packet of materials that contain lists of questions that ACCJC will be asking, and some suggestions on where to look for answers. Many thanks to Kate for her leadership in this endeavor.</p>
4.	<p>CCSSE/CCFSSE Faculty selected to participate in the random sampling will be receiving notification early next week. There will be a two-week period in which to administer the survey. All faculty will be sent an e-mail link to participate in the faculty portion of the survey. Ann provided a one-page description of the CCSSE, which was provided. This will also be posted in the Public Folder. Nick opened the website and located samples of the questions to which the students</p>

	<p>will be responding. The results are expected in late July, and will be shared as soon as received.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Construction Due to the resignation of one faculty member on the Facilities Planning Subcommittee and long term absence of a second, another faculty member would be welcome.</p> <p><u>Swingspace</u> - This will impact staff overflow parking in the old tennis court area. The basement of the Language Arts building will be logistics & storage. The old tennis courts will house portable buildings. Due to premium parking space issues, parking enforcement officers are being hired to assist the Public Safety office in ticketing.</p> <p><u>GET bus terminal</u> - moving forward. The anticipated start date is May/June, 2011. Once construction begins, parking on Panorama will be disrupted.</p> <p><u>Handicapped Parking</u> - As the final piece of the Planetarium project, handicapped parking at the stadium will begin this summer. Looking forward to a time when additional parking will be needed for the Horticulture Lab & Ag building, more parking than is needed for the Planetarium will be constructed.</p> <p><u>SAM</u> - still on target. Depending on funding, construction may begin as early as the fall semester.</p> <p><u>TES</u> - is in litigation. Part of the litigation comes from the fact that the vendor did not receive all that was contracted for because the project was not completed to our satisfaction. The board approved repairs to get the tank operational.</p> <p>☉ Action item: Greg will get an update before the next college Council meeting on the status of the litigation, and whether repairs will be completed in time to operate during this summer’s hottest months.</p> <p><u>Solar field</u> - A question regarding the computer showing real time savings from the energy generation was asked.</p> <p>☉ Action item: Greg will get an update on where we are in the process of installing a computer to track energy savings from the solar field.</p> <p><u>Door Replacement</u> - It is anticipated that the doors will be replaced within 6 months. Although DSA approval is required, it is hoped that this project can be “counter-checked” at the DSA office in a single trip.</p> <p><u>Language Arts elevators</u> - The work on the elevators is complete; however, the fire detection system must now be upgraded before the elevators are operational.</p>

	<p>Any interested parties are welcome to attend the Facilities Planning Meeting, which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the President's conference room.</p>
	<p>Budget</p> <p>a. 2010-2011 - Mid-year cuts are not anticipated. Current indications are that there will be a reserve to carry over to 2011-12. This will include the amount previously set aside in anticipation of mid-year cuts.</p> <p>b. 2011-2012 - The next 7 days are critical for budget advocacy. Let your legislators know that you support the tax initiatives being placed on a special June ballot. There is a link on the CCLC website that will show contact information for state legislators. The college can advocate for the budget. However, if the ballot initiatives are approved, the rules for advocacy will change.</p> <p>Each Wednesday morning at 8 a.m., Greg participates in a CEO telephone conference that shares budget news from around the state as it relates to community colleges. It is hosted by Scott Lay, and occasionally features Eric Skinner and State Chancellor Jack Scott. All are invited to join Greg any Wednesday. [If Greg is unavailable, access to the teleconference will be provided in A-5.]</p> <p>c. Criteria - By the next meeting, the Budget Committee will provide a list of criteria to be used when cuts must be made. This list will become part of a budget development packet.</p> <p>d. BAM - At the last Consultation Council, Porterville College and Cerro Coso responded in writing regarding the BAM Evaluation Report. Of particular concern were the hiring of an outside consultant, and District Office carryover. BC supported the hiring of an outside consultant so that a neutral 3rd party would provide an unbiased opinion. At the next Consultation Council meeting, there will be discussion regarding what action should be taken regarding the recommendations.</p> <p>☛ Action item: Greg and Corny will develop a reply from Bakersfield College, stating that BC has no objection to the Evaluation Report.</p> <p>BC's representatives to BAM are Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Kate Pluta, Lynn Krausse, and Stephanie McWilliams.</p>
7.	<p>Enrollment Management</p> <p>Nan reported that if the tax initiative passes, it means that BC will be cut 593 FTES or 1600 students. If it fails and Prop 98 is funded at minimum levels, we will be cut 1042 FTES or 2813 students. If the tax initiative fails and Prop 98 is</p>

	<p>suspended, we will be cut 1,870 FTES and 5,049 students will not be served. This information is also available on the CCLC website. Some may remember that two years ago, sections had to be reduced significantly and it was very difficult. All of these scenarios would put the college at a level lower than that of two years ago, which means that it will be devastating to many. The reality is that Bakersfield College is going to serve fewer students. Significant workload reduction is a factor in every scenario being proposed. If the “doomsday” or worst case scenario becomes a reality, there will be serious discussion about closure of some community colleges.</p> <p>While looking at workload reduction, there must be a comprehensive curriculum remaining after the reduction. Academic Senate recently adopted a proposal regarding a 14-unit limit to help increase student success.</p>
8.	<p>Goals</p> <p>Primavera shared copied of what was developed by the Goals Work Group. This needs to move forward quickly. The original group included Primavera, Pam Boyles, Anna Agenjo, Mike McNellis, and John Gerhold. Current members of the work group must be identified quickly. Corny will work on faculty representatives; Jennifer Marden will be contacted to provide classified staff members. Primavera will continue as the Administrative representative.</p>
9.	<p>District-wide Strategic Planning</p> <p>Greg has forwarded three surveys regarding this strategic plan. BC’s representatives have included Greg, Joyce Ester, Hamid Eydgahi, Stephen Eaton, Sue Granger-Dickson for faculty, Tracy Lovelace for classified, and Tawntannisha Thompson as the student representative. This effort is being led by Doris Givens, Vice Chancellor, and Pat Caldwell, private consultant.</p>
10.	<p>Luminis</p> <p>Todd Coston, Interim IT Director, reported on Luminis. A pilot was conducted during the fall semester, which included faculty and students. The original plan was to go live in the spring semester. However, a 2nd pilot was advocated to include a wider audience, which was not as successful, but highlighted the need for more hardware. Links between Moodle, Luminis, and Registration had to be established. Hardware improvements were positive, and the 2nd test was much more successful. Training dates are being identified to go live for summer. Most of the training will be with faculty.</p> <p>Todd provided information to link up passwords so that all passwords are synched. Faculty will be encouraged to move away from Front Page and use Course Studio. There is a feedback section that can be filled out to get suggestions and impressions to Todd and the IT crew.</p> <p>☞ Action item: The information regarding password synchronization will be posted in the Public Folder.</p>

11.	<p>Registration Priorities</p> <p>In order to make room for more students in classes and deal with the issue of students registering for classes they don't intend to take just to fill a schedule, the Academic Senate developed a proposal limiting students to 14 units or 3 classes totalling 15 units per semester.</p> <p>☛ Action item: Corny will distribute the proposal electronically so that the council members may circulate to constituent groups.</p> <p>This will be placed on the March 18 agenda, and the Council will be asked to discuss registration priorities in general terms.</p> <p>☛ Action item: Greg will share the report showing average number of units per major of graduates.</p>
	<p>Next Scheduled Meeting 3/18/11</p>