

College Council Minutes **May 20, 2011**

Present: Greg Chamberlain, Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Margaret Stidham, Sue Vaughn, Janet Thomas, Ann Tatum, Pam Boyles, Brent Damron, Anna Agenjo, Laura Borneman, Nick Strobel, Corny Rodriguez, Jennifer Johnson, Toccaro Byrd, Edie Nelson, Candice Sifuentes, Bonnie Suderman, Debbie Spohn (recorder)

Guests: Kate Pluta

1.	Welcome - Agenda Review No agenda was posted prior to the meeting. The topics of discussion will be an update on accreditation, College goals, and future meetings.
2.	Review Previous Minutes a. The minutes of the May 6 meeting were posted late yesterday afternoon. If there are any changes in content, please forward them to the group. If there are typographical changes, send them to the President's office for correction. ↳ Action item: A summary comment will be added to note that consensus was reached on the Annual Program Review proposed changes.
3.	Accreditation A group of twenty people have responded that they would like to be involved in a summer work group. This group will need the goals and budget criteria document in order to be effective. Both of these documents are scheduled for finalization today. Kate identified fourteen items noted from the previous accreditation visit that require action to assure compliance. These must be addressed prior to the 2012 visit.
4.	Goals After working with the subcommittee on Goals, Corny presented the latest draft. This draft incorporates the suggestions from the focus groups which were held with FCDC, Admin Council, students, and classified staff. Each of these groups was asked to identify specific items that have been accomplished toward the 2010-11 goals. Communication continues to be an issue among all constituent groups. Some great things have happened across campus; improvement is needed in letting the campus community know about the great things that are being done for students. It was noted, however, that transfer and CTE are not mentioned specifically. It was asked if the report mentioned in the last line of this year's goals, "Assess, share, and report . . ." has been done. Greg responded that reporting has not been done in a formal manner. This sentence will be carried forward to 2011-12 goals. Pam suggested that all who are working on the APR need to be

	<p>reminded to keep the goals in mind and address them specifically. She would like to see more cross-referencing.</p> <p>Corny reminded everyone that the “how to” that accompanies the goals should come from the units as they plan how they will address the goals as a department. Nan added that if the unit plans are going to be method of capturing accomplishments on goals, where will the accomplishments of the governance committees be captured? Sue stated that the Decision Making document states that each committee will provide a summary statement annually to College Council regarding all the way in which that committee addressed the College goals. This summary statement might also be shared with Program Review to satisfy this.</p> <p>The Council was asked to review the proposed goals item by item and respond. A draft of the suggested verbiage will be available early next week for circulation. Clear linkages need to exist between planning, assessment, program review, and budgeting. The minutes will reflect that, following the discussion on each item on the proposed goals, consensus was reached on these seven goals as revised. Once shared with constituent groups, please send any feedback to Corny and Primavera. Even though this is still in draft form, each area will be asked to identify ways in which they would be implemented. The final version will be presented at Opening day, Aug 2011.</p> <p>Academic Senate Executive board meets next week, and will be asked to approve with revisions.</p> <p>↳ Action item: Assuming it is approved, Greg will circulate with a brief explanation of the process, and a list of the subcommittee members.</p> <p>A special thanks to the members of the Goals Subcommittee who conducted the focus groups and compiled the survey data.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Budget</p> <p>One more faculty member may be identified for hire. Next on the priority list will be a history/political science teacher in Delano. One of the main issues we will face is that in 2011-12, the college will exhaust a large portion of the carry over and reserves. This has the potential for creating a very negative financial outlook in 2012-13, with fewer reserves as a fall-back position.</p> <p>Following the state-wide budget call this week, the question was asked [of Scott Lay] how to approach planning when there are so many variables still unanswered at the state level. The answer was for each college/district to look at their own funding level and reserves level to determine what it will take to remain operational. If funding is cut, the colleges will be expected to serve fewer students, not serve the same number with less money.</p>

	<p>There has been some discussion about raising tuition again. It is the general belief that tuition will continue to rise incrementally over the next few years.</p> <p>↪ Action item: Once BC's target is determined, Greg will communicate that to all budget managers.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Scheduled Meetings Scheduling a meeting during Flex Week was considered, but there are too many conflicts.</p> <p>↪ Action item: Tentatively schedule a half-day retreat/training session on August 12, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. If you are unable to attend, you should have an alternate identified.</p> <p>↪ Action item: Also tentatively schedule July 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please monitor e-mail for more details, and possible additional dates throughout the year as necessary.</p>
	<p>Things we need to know . . .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BC has four nominations for Beautiful Bakersfield awards. Winners will be announced at a banquet on June 4. 2. Toccara announced that 70 students participated in the Student Leadership conference this week. She thanked the President and Vice President for their attendance and support.