I was in Spain for the last College Council Meeting, so Primavera graciously shared her summary.

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**College Council**

- **Budget Updates**: There are no new changes to the budget. The budget committee met on Monday, September 12, 2011.

- **Accreditation**: Kate Pluta provided drafts of the College Committee Reports to College Council along with the deadlines. A listserv will also be created for the co-chairs of committees to communicate with one another. A posting of the Accreditation Editor for the report will be posted. The work of the editor will be mainly between semesters.

- **Goals**: The goals went to senate this past Wednesday to be finalized. The President will send an email once all of the goals are approved to the college. College Goals should be incorporated into department goals as well.

- **Enrollment Management**: Chairs working with the faculty, Deans and the Vice President will be building the Spring 2012 schedule for courses. When students sign up for two or more waitlists for the same course and get into one, they are dropped from the others, some students complained because it wasn’t the one they most wanted. This process will be reviewed with waitlists.

- **Student Success**: The State, District and College continue to focus on Student Success.

- **Construction**: The Simenson Performing Arts Center is vacant for this semester. Construction may begin as early as December. This project is paid by State Bond funding. The handrails are up in the North West Parking Lot.

- **Advertising**: Amber Chiang will have a policy set in place in regards to reviewing advertisement or handling advertisement requests on campus.

**Announcements**:

- The High School Counselors’ Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011.
• Kern Regional Transit is extending its hours in the Arvin and Lamont area with BC departure times of 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
• SGA is recruiting Senators and mentors—encourage the students you see and know.
• The Alumni Barbeque is on Thursday, September 15, 2011
• BC B-Fit is open to Student, Faculty and Staff to improve mental and physical health

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Sorry for all the attachments, but you need to see the policies in color to understand them. Please see the long awaited "Decision Making Document for KCCD" attached. Please forward any inaccuracies, otherwise it is in place and can be used for evidence in accreditation reports.

A few modifications of the district goals document were suggested by the Council. When I receive the edited copy, I will forward it to you.

Please see the attached template for the 2013-14 academic calendars. Academic Senates are asked to review, modify and approve by January, 2012.

The new Title 5 regulations do not pay the colleges for any student who drops a course between census date and the 30% date. The Academic Senates have been asked to review the attached document and consider changing Board Policy by moving the 30% earlier in the term.

The Federal Government has released a lengthy report on financial aid fraud by individuals enrolling in online classes. Our district discovered the problem early and has taken a number of steps to prevent it or to prevent those students from registering a second time. If you want to see this one, please contact your Financial Aid Director.

A new Board Policy and Procedures 4A3 on matriculation is being sent to the Academic Senates for input and approval. Except for requiring matriculation (orientation, assessment, and counseling) for all first time student groups seeking early registration appointments, and SEPs as well for students in later semesters, there are few changes from current practice. The CCCCO has provided support for requiring matriculation of all DSPS, EOP&S, and other students and they have discounted the idea that all of those groups must be given the exact same day and time for registration. See attached.

We approved Procedure 4C4C on Grade Disputes, which do not require Board approval. Watch for a notice from Jane Harmon.

Policy and Procedure 6H will go to the Board for the first reading.
You might be interested to learn that the CSEA regional rep reported to the Board that they are pleased with the working relationship that has prevailed during negotiations and they are close to an agreement. Then Mary O’Neil, president of the faculty union stated how pleased the faculty members are with the results of the negotiations. They hope to have a positive vote soon.

Board Policies 10C6, Teaching Assignments for Management Employees and 10C7, Outside Activities were approved as was the KCCD Strategic Plan.

Watch for an announcement from Abe Ali on the holiday break. It sounds like it will work the same as it has for the past few years. The actual break will be from December 19-January 2. He will be coming to Admin Council meetings to discuss changes to our evaluation forms. I should receive an advance copy which I will share with you. We will be able to invite all of our members to that portion of each Admin Council meeting.

Happy Veterans’ Day.
Early talk about 2012-13 state budget indicate that there will probably be a deficit of 3 to 10 billion. The actual would be at the lower number if all of the cuts approved for this year survive the legal challenges. Managers should look for 2012-13 budget request forms next week.

The GET bus project is still scheduled to be completed in January with a target of the 17th. Bids for the SAM building renovations should go out this month. Construction could begin as early as January.

We began discussions of discontinuing college offered direct student loans. Students would be referred to other organizations in the community. We also started to discuss parking and fees.

Look for evaluation survey on the decision Making document.