

Bakersfield College  
Faculty Chairs/Director Council  
Friday, January 28, 2011  
9:30 a.m. –11:30 p.m.  
Unofficial Minutes

Attendees: Anna Agenjo , Primavera Arvizu, Pam Boyles, Gregg Cluff, Nancy Coyle, Pat Coyle , Brent Damron, Stephen Eaton, Joyce Ester, Hamid Eydgahi, John Gerhold , Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Dennis Jorgensen, Bill Kelly, Richard McCrow, Tom Moran, , Mike Moretti, Dan O'Connor, Joe Saldivar, Stephen Smith, LaMont Schiers, Jennifer Johnson, Sue Vaughn, Kimberly VanHorne, Reggie Williams, Becki Whitson

Recorder: Angela Craft subbing for Vickie Turney.

Call to Order: Nan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **Debrief**

### Spring Semester Start-up

- **Beginning Enrollment:** Members discussed their concerns about the waitlist, forms, adding students, and increasing seats. Nan and Sue addressed their questions and concerns.
- **Bookstore:** Members discussed the problems they encountered with their textbook orders. They also shared what areas they'd like to see addressed in the Bookstore. LaMont Schiers provided a detailed explanation for the problems, and reassured members that his department is working on resolving them so that this kind of thing doesn't happen again. Nan reported that requests for proposals from companies would be reviewed by the Board at their next meeting. And that they plan to look at the proposals and make a decision on whether to keep the Bookstore at each one of the campuses in our district as is, or to have a company that specializes in colleges and universities come in and run the Bookstores. This would be true for all three campuses.
- **Language Arts Building Elevator:** Nan provided a brief history about the elevator problems in the L.A. building and shared that the expected repair time would be about 6 weeks or less. She also thanked the Chairs for their willingness to make the necessary room changes. Members commented and discussed their concerns.

## **Budget**

How the Budget has affected us? - Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, Executive V.P.

Nan discussed where have we been and where we are, in terms of the number of sections that we've offered. She shared that in 2008 we started off in spring with 1,948 sections and the next year it was 1,727 and this year it was 1,729. And in the summer of 2008, we had 490, then 414, and 333. So, when

we hear budget and workload reduction, that's a really good example of our efforts to manage the enrollment. We saw more students in the classes that we did offer. If we are looking at another workload reduction, which means the State is going to fund us for fewer students, one of the possibilities we need to have is more discussions about the number of sections and which sections we're going to offer because we will not be able to serve all of the students that come to our door. She added that when planning for next summer, we need to plan for the same number of classes that we had last summer for each department. But we are going to look to make sure that they are those "four mission classes" in preparing students for transfer first because they fit under CTE to be successful in collegiate courses which are English, Math, ESL and ACDV.

#### State Legislators Meeting Follow-up Report– Pam Boyles, Kimberly Van Horne, Thomas Moran

- Thomas Moran reported that Last year we were cut \$370 million. This year Governor Brown has stated that we will be cut \$400 million which is a little more than last year. Proposed students' fees will go from \$26 to \$36. Governor Brown has opted not to not cut K-12. He feels that they've been over burdened with cuts already. We're hoping that the Legislators, Democrats and Republicans, will agree to put a measure on the ballot in June that will give taxpayers an opportunity to say yes, we agree to continue the temporary tax increases. If voters don't get that opportunity or do get that opportunity and vote no, our cuts will be \$800 million or more than double what they were last year.
- Kimberly Van Horne discussed that she asked the Legislators to take the fee increases and do a couple of things: To have a policy that the fees increases are moderate and predictable and that maybe we can take the increases of \$100 million to offset the \$400 million cuts. She added that the committee members shared KCCD's efficiencies in serving the community and its impact on the sections. The important points are what is success, and do not let the State Legislator and Legislators define what success is. And that there's a need for more discussion on what success means.
- Pam Boyles discussed the importance of passing prop. 98 and shared information about KCCD's reserves. Members commented and discussed their concerns. Nan felt that it would be helpful for the committee to have "Talking Points." Sue Vaughn agreed to send them out to the committee via email.

La Mont Schiers informed the committee that Tom Burke would be on campus on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Forums to make a presentation and to talk. Everyone will have a chance to come and hear directly how the District has handled the situation this year, how we're looking to take on next year, and the projections of what the State is facing.

#### **Information**

##### Position Requisitions

Nan announced that the Position Requisitions are in and are expect to be posted on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairs for each one of the areas on either lists (the know that we're going to do it list and the hope we're going to do list) are to look at their postings to make sure that the information is correct so if there's any issues, we can get those corrected early on. There's still discussion that they can do the second list.

She reminded members that last year Corny Rodriguez came and talked about the Diversity portion because the Academic Senate had determined that the chair for the EODAC Committee would be the Diversity Representative for all of the committees but not sit on the committees. That's when Chairs were asked to choose someone outside of their department.

We will not be meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The soonest we can have Corny come is in March. Nan will be talking to him about setting up a meeting just with the Chairs that have postings, so that they could get that done and out of way and move on with their meetings. The HR representative will still meet with each committee separately in order to go over the compliance issues. Corny Rodriguez and Matthew Morgan, the new EODAC Faculty Chair, will team up during the transition.

Academic Calendar - handout

Members were asked to begin talking with their faculty now, and during the next couple of months to identify their student need and have their plans, or drafts in place for spring 2012 before they leave in May.

Board Policy and Title V – handout

Referring to the handout, Nan announced her plans to hold an elaborate discussion about excusing a student for the class session in which an incident has occurred and the next class, but not dropped the student from the course. And where this policy comes from in Title V, where it lives in the Board Policy and then, the reality of what happens in our classrooms when a situation occurs. This discussion will be revisited and walked through in the March meeting. She went over Board Policy 4F5 (Dances, Parties and Picnics). Members held a brief discussion and shared their thoughts.

SB1440 and meeting next week - Update

On Monday, if not before, Nan plans to send out a list of the Discussion Discipline groups that will be happening in the afternoon after the SB1440 Presentation. John Gerhold announced that Michelle Pilate, VP Statewide Academic Senate will be present to answer questions and that he, and Janet Fulks would be giving a power point presentation on SB1440. There will be no FCDC meeting in February. Committee members were encouraged to come to the workshop because other colleges will be attending.

In closing, Nan shared that Vickie Turney is due to return to work on February 14th. Bonnie Suderman is on the road of recovery. Dan O'Connor is covering her area until she returns.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.