Districtwide Topics in District Consultation Council

See the **Chancellor’s report to District Consultation Council** on October 26, 2021. Topics in her report included

- the mapping of old KCCD Board policy chapters to the new structure that is based on the language and structure from the Community College League of California (CCLC)
- the Student Housing project (see my October 20th report for more details)
- the Innovation and Development grants mostly in the Economic and Workforce Development area: 10 already submitted and 11 that are in development. Millions of dollars!
- Timeline for the CFO (Vice-Chancellor of Finance & Administrative Services) search. Open forums via Zoom on Nov 16 and 17.
- AB 927 that expands the baccalaureate pilot to more community colleges. Same sort of restrictions as before with CSU/UC degrees and up to 30 new BS/BA programs per year.

**Faculty Obligation Number (FON):** KCCD needs to hire 59 new full-time faculty with BC taking 52 of them. Lots of screening committees! BC has 26 positions retiring/resignations (see the August 12th **Human Resources Report** to the Board for 15 of the retirements and 2 of the resignations).

**Vice-Chancellor of Educational Services**, John Means, is retiring and discussions are underway on how Educational Services can be restructured to improve interaction among faculty of the three colleges and encourage innovation in teaching. There’s talk of moving the Economic and Workforce Development area out from under the Vice-Chancellor of Educational Services to its own distinct area because of how much EWD has grown and will continue to grow, freeing up Educational Services to focus on Guided Pathways. Some of the discussion looked like either adding of layers of administration or broadening the existing layers. Either way, we’ll need to keep an eye on the number of management/administrators at the District Office and make sure we stay within the bounds of the 50% law.

**District Administrative Unit Reviews (AURs)** of the various departments at the District Office will have additional checkpoints on the way toward final budget approvals for feedback from the colleges and the Districtwide Budget Committee. It looks like the District Office is trying to be more responsive to the college needs, serving the colleges rather than the other way around.

**Interim Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources**, Dena Rhoades, is also retiring. She’ll be working through December, so we’ll need to start looking for a new HR chief very soon.

**Districtwide Budget Committee’s Budget Allocation Model**

At its meeting on Friday, the Districtwide Budget Committee looked at the first draft of the new budget allocation model prepared by our consultant from Cambridge West. The devil is in the details. Near the end of the document in Appendix A is an example of what the internal distribution would have been for the **2019-20 year**. Our internal allocations are still using the old BAM which is based on just FTES. In the old BAM, BC gets about 72-73% of the state GUI funds. In the new SCFF-based (Student Centered Funding Formula) allocation model, BC would have received just 69.3% of the state funds in 2019-20 which is a change of $4.5 million (if BC is 72% KCCD FTES) to $6.2 million (if BC is 73% KCCD FTES). The DRAFT BAM has a one-year stabilization. The new BAM would go into effect for the 2022-23 year, so the numbers we’d use as inputs into the SCFF would be mostly from the 2021-22 year (the FTES terms in the SCFF are a three-year average). The SCFF is approximately 70% FTES, 20% supplemental (extra money for helping financially disadvantaged students), and 10% student success (ADTs, transfers to CSU/UC, # students completing 9 units CTE, # students completing...
transfer-level English/Math in first year, # students getting living wage after completing degree/certificate). There has been some controversy in the past over the accuracy of the numbers we’ve sent the state for the various terms in the SCFF. Now that those numbers are going to be used for the KCCD internal allocation as well, BC will need to scrutinize carefully all the numbers for the various terms of the SCFF because there is now serious money attached to all of those terms.

**Norm Levan Faculty Colloquium: Faith Bradham**

Reference Librarian and Professor (and Assessment Committee faculty co-chair) Faith Bradham is giving the Norm Levan Faculty Colloquium talk on Friday, November 12 at 10:30 AM. Her talk is titled “I thought I could trust everything on EBSCO?: Uncovering information BIASES to give students agency.” Professor Bradham’s lecture will focus on ways for faculty of any discipline to help students understand the hierarchies of information creation and dissemination, giving students greater agency as they complete the research they need to do throughout their academic careers. See [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/levancenter/lectures-and-events](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/levancenter/lectures-and-events) for more information and the [link to register for the webinar](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/levancenter/lectures-and-events).