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 will look 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 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.

**Dual Enrollment Task Force/Work Group**

Monday, November 8 at 4 PM will be the first convening of department chairs and other interested faculty in a task force/work group that will create a document that addresses what is needed for dual enrollment to work successfully in all departments, especially with regard to being able to verify the college-level quality of the dual enrollment courses as required by our accreditation standards. The department chairs and other interested faculty will share how they’ve solved or avoided some problems that have come up in other departments with regard to Dual Enrollment. The Senate had quite a bit of discussion at its October 20 meeting about the issues around being able to verify the college-level quality of the dual enrollment courses. It was evident from the discussion that some departments have been able to keep some effective control of the dual enrollment courses in their subject area and other departments much less so.

Related to that is the restart of the faculty mentorship of dual enrollment instructors that is being overseen by Dean Jennifer Jett. The faculty mentors will be invited to be part of the task force as well.

**Distinguished Speaker on Thursday, Nov 4 @ 10 AM and 2 PM**

Dr. Moogega “Moo” Cooper from NASA/Jet Propulsion Lab will be the November speaker in SGA’s Distinguished Speakers Series. Dr. Cooper is the Planetary Protection Lead for the Mars 2020 (Perseverance rover) mission and the upcoming Europa Clipper mission. She’s in charge of keeping other planets and moons safe from any Earth life as well as keeping Earth safe from any extra-terrestrial microbes that might hitch a ride on a sample-return mission back to Earth. She’ll talk about her work in inspiring boys and girls from underrepresented communities to go into a STEM field as well as her “day job” of keeping planets and moons safe from cross-contamination. Her talk will be over Zoom and the BCSGA Facebook.

Here’s the registration information:
Thursday, November 4 at 10 AM: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_Esr0Yz1GQXmSkMkVrQi6iw
Thursday, November 4 at 2 PM: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_gSpxVaoGQNkzkopmQIghkA

**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 for more information and the link to register for the webinar.
Election Timelines for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

The timelines for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 are now posted in the Documents section on the right hand side of the Academic Senate website.