Screening/Standing Committee Nomination Process

The Executive Board is finalizing the draft of the criteria, priority order of criteria, and which ones are essential vs. preferred. That draft will then be brought to the Senate for final edits and approval.

New Curriculum Co-Chairs

Charles Daramola and Keri Kennedy have agreed to be the new Curriculum Comm. Co-chairs.

Winter Intersession

I attended a meeting on October 5 with the other Senate presidents, college VPs, and Dean Bill Moseley about coming up with a Winter Intersession that would work for all three colleges. Senates have the final say in the academic calendar and we would need to approve changes in the 2022-23 academic calendar by November 17th Senate meeting (2022-23 calendar was approved at the April 21 meeting). The Winter Intersession is being proposed to handle the bottlenecks in programs with multi-course sequences of prerequisites, especially acute in STEM.

One model presented is shown below. It shifts Fall semester start to two weeks earlier, Fall Semester ending the before the week of Thanksgiving, three weeks of instruction in December and three weeks of instruction in January with Spring Semester starting two weeks later than usual. Another model discussed had Fall 2022 semester being like Fall 2021 semester (or starting two weeks earlier to have it end before Thanksgiving week), Winter Intersession going from Jan 5 to Feb 3, and Spring semester going from Feb 13 to June 2. The switch will necessitate Summer Session being 8 or 10 weeks long instead of the current 12 weeks. Any semester, summer session, winter intersession we come up with must have at least an one-week buffer between them for A&R/Financial Aid processing. Also, all faculty will need to be more diligent about getting their grades submitted in time (still have too many faculty getting their grades in late). The three colleges would still schedule spring break independently of each other. BC’s spring break is tied to Easter—ending on Easter to mesh with the K12 schools in the Bakersfield metro area.

Here is the first model in a timeline view and then in a calendar view.
In the calendar view, the salmon/beige colors are the A&R/Financial Aid processing weeks and yellow are holiday closures (Nov 11 should be yellow).

**Districtwide Issues**

See Chancellor Christian’s report to District Consultation Council at https://committees.kccd.edu/sites/committees.kccd.edu/files/Sonya%27s%20report%20to%20Consultation%20Council%20Sept%2028%20%202021_0.pdf

Topics include Board Policies going to the Board for approval, Vice Chancellor of Finance & Admin Svcs and Human Resources and Educational Svcs search timelines, accreditation midterm reports, special Board meeting last week on KCCD redistricting and DEI subcommittee, Economic and Workforce Development, developing KCCD’s new strategic plan (current one sunsets in 2022), facilities in a post-pandemic age, and vaccination rates as of Sept 28th.
Board Policies
The Board Policies that rely primarily upon the Academic Senate (Chapter 4 Academic Affairs and a few in Chapter 5 Student Services) have already gone through the three Senate’s vetting processes last year.

Economic and Workforce Development
There is A LOT of activity and new programs happening now and being proposed in the Economic and Workforce Development area being led by Associate Vice-Chancellor Trudy Gerald. See her summary at https://committees.kccd.edu/sites/committees.kccd.edu/files/EWD%20Update%20%20Consultation%20Council%20Meeting%20%202021-07-28.pdf.

EEO Dashboard
A new Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) dashboard using the Tableau tools for visualizing the data is now available at https://bit.ly/EEO-Dashboard. This was put together by BC’s Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Here’s a screenshot of the proportionality index (faculty/student race/ethnicity demographics) for tenured/tenure-track faculty. All sorts of ways to slice&dice the data.

Dual and Concurrent Enrollment
Big push to expand BC’s Early College work to Cerro Coso and Porterville headed by Steve Watkin and Kylie Campbell. See the presentation at https://committees.kccd.edu/sites/committees.kccd.edu/files/BC_Dual%20%26%20Concurrent%20Enrollment%202021-2022%20PPT.pdf

Full report with all sorts of graphs and details posted in today’s meeting supporting docs.