

College Council Minutes
November 1, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Collins Conference Center
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Forum 101 East

Present: Sonya Christian, Alice Desilagua, Brent Damron, Ann Tatum, Edie Nelson, Nick Strobel, Janet Thomas, Zav Dadabhoy, Sue Vaughn, Primavera Arvizu, Jennifer Johnson, Cindy Collier, Tina Johnson, Pam Boyles.

Guest: Leah Carter

Scribes: Nick Strobel and Janet Thomas

The agenda was briefly reviewed.

Review of the minutes was waived at this meeting.

President Christian reported on the past week's activities,

Last Friday evening 10/25, 427 people attended the Centennial Gala held at the Gil Bishop Sports Center. Great comments were received by President Christian from individuals in the community. The evening included an auction that raised over \$22,500. Clearly, there is support for the college from the community.

Saturday evening 10/26, the Renegades won their homecoming game with over 4000 in attendance.

Monday 10/28, the team from our accrediting body ACCJC visited the campus and cleared us of ALL recommendations, i.e., we have implemented all of the recommendations to their satisfaction. That is a feat unheard of in the accreditation world, so we have a right to feel proud of what we've accomplished at BC. The exit interview between Sonya Christian and Steve Kinsella went well.

Thursday 10/31, over 160 people packed into the Levan Center for the Points of Origin Data Summit, and over 410 people watch the events via web streaming. Twitter was full of tweets and the RP Group (a statewide organization for research and planning for California community colleges) was re-tweeting the posts. The national organization Lumina Foundation also tuned in to the conference.

Friday morning 11/1, national and state legislators were on campus for the Central Valley Legislative Forum, hosted by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. Congressman David Valadao, Senator Jean Fuller and Assembly Members Rudy Salas and Shannon Grove were hand to talk about any issues of concern to Kern County. One of the issues brought up just before College Council started was water. Water will have the single greatest impact on people's lives in the Central Valley in the future (or already is) because of our already unsustainable usage of it with an

increasing population living in a place that will become even drier in the coming decades as the climate changes. Our CTE area is already gearing up for new courses and certificates in many areas of water management in response.

College-wide Reorganization

The Reorganization Task Force still has a number of unanswered questions and things to research so the deadline for presentation to College Council was extended to November 15th. Some of the things to work on include: 1) More details of what happens once they bring their proposals to College Council; 2) Financial Impact report by Laura Lorigo of the various options; 3) more specifics in the org charts; and 4) the pros and cons of the three options are still being developed. When all above is accomplished, Consultant Pat Caldwell will create the report using the content from the task force. This will then be presented to the President at College Council. President Christian stated there may be need for an additional College Council meeting for discussion of this Reorganization plan.

KCCD Decision-Making Document

Ann Tatum spoke for the group that is looking at how to evaluate the KCCD Elements of Decision Making Document. The group has created a summary of the key components of the document. This is the first step the study process. The document will be reviewed to figure out where the gaps between the document and reality exist as well as the strong and weak points of the district processes. Two Recommendations came from this discussion. 1) Find out what are the committees mentioned in the document and where they meet; 2) The summary should be placed on the decision-making website.

College Council adjourned after the business meeting to attend the "Welcome Home: Veterans on Campus" training in Forum East from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free training was sponsored by the California Community Colleges Student Mental Health Program and supported by the California Mental Health Services Authority and Mental Health Service Act. It was an excellent workshop on the issues facing our veterans as they transition to civilian life and community colleges play a crucial role in making that transition.

Next meeting

Next College Council meeting will be November 15, 2013. College Council session will adjourn following completion of agenda items and join the special joint work session for DSPS which will be held in the fireside room from 8:30 am to 12 noon.