

Ventura County Community College District
Consultation Council Notes
October 28, 2011
8:30 a.m.

Present: Robin Calote, Pam Eddinger, Steve Hall, Riley Dwyer, Peter Sezzi, Robert Cabral, Karen Bulger, Anthony Chavez, Clare Geisen, Patricia Parham , Chris Lara-Cruz
Chair: James Meznik, Chancellor
Recorder: Patti Blair
Absent: Dan Casey, Maureen Rauchfuss

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Action (If Required or Information Provided)	Completion Timeline	Assigned to:
Opening of Meeting	Dr. Meznik welcomed members.	N/A`	N/A	James Meznik
Board Agenda	Dr. Meznik reviewed the November 8, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. The District Office has received meeting requests for the accreditation site visit teams on October 31, 2011 and schedules are being updated.	N/A	N/A	
Chancellor's Report	Dr. Meznik asked membership to prepare feedback related to the Participatory Governance Handbook. Ms. Dwyer asked for clarification and purpose of the document review. A second activity will be to review the document in its totality for section inconsistency. Mr. Sezzi asked for clarification on communication and if the primary focus is communication between District and colleges. Dr. Meznik asked for Consultation Council to review the communication section, followed by the delineation of functions section. Then the entire document will be reviewed.	Review communication section of the Participatory Governance Handbook.	12/2/11	Consultation Council
Moorpark College Academic Senate	Ms. Dwyer commented on committee activities and work on AP 4021.	N/A	N/A	Riley Dwyer
Oxnard College Academic Senate	Mr. Cabral commented on campus struggles with relation to individual and committee agendas, determining budget reduction impact on campus, and impact of impending reductions on morale and employee conduct. Consultation Council membership discussed the difficulty of communicating accurate information in a time of uncertainly, fear, lack of knowledge and the need for consistent communication.	Membership discussed developing a Districtwide forum to discuss concerns and improve communication. Content should	TBD	Chancellor's Office

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		include budget and impact on employees.		
DAC Classified Senate	Ms. Bulger commented on the December 16, 2011 District Administrative Center Christmas Party.	N/A	N/A	Karen Bulger
Oxnard College Classified Senate	Ms. Owens discussed classified senate activities, including accreditation, Halloween, and Tres Vidas.			Connie Owens
Oxnard College President	Campus is preparing for the accreditation site team visit. Fall campus budget meetings are being planning to discuss budget related activities. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony through the new Veteran's Center.	N/A	N/A	Richard Duran
Ventura College President	Dr. Calote commented on the October 31 accreditation site visit and acknowledged campus efforts.			Robin Calote
AFT	Dr. Steve Hall asked for clarification on the Board meeting location. Dr. Meznek indicated the Board meeting will be at the District Administrative Center. Dr. Hall asked for clarification on the program reduction timeline. Dr. Meznek indicated tentative recommendations will be early enough to allow for the Board to conduct individual conversations with the colleges. Dr. Meznek indicated focused thinking will take place by mid-November. Dr. Hall asked for clarification on the number of sections that will be cut. Dr. Meznek confirmed that deep cuts will take place but as of yet, nothing has been finalized. Dr. Hall asked Ms. Johnson for clarification on program closure and faculty impact. Ms. Johnson indicated the savings to the college is the full time faculty member, but the FON number will not change. Dr. Meznek clarified his comment from the Citizens Advisory Body that the plan is to cut 1500 unfunded students – not sections, which calculates to approximately 500-700 sections.	N/A	N/A	Steve Hall
Student Representative	Mr. Lara-Cruz discussed student activities at Ventura College and the opening of the Welcome Center. Mr. Lara-Cruz also provided feedback on the participatory governance committees and the importance of student involvement.	N/A	N/A	Chris Lara-Cruz
Future Meeting	December 2, 2011			