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I. Call to Order:
II. Approval of Minutes: 5/18/15
III. SSSP Report: Michael Paul Wong
VI. 2015 Report on Institution-Set Standards: Sheila Pisa
VII. Ongoing Business
   a. AP/BP 3510: Workplace Safety and Prevention of Violence & Disruption
   b. AP 7120c: Faculty Recruitment & Hiring: A proposed revision to the approved AP
   c. AP 5011: Admission and Concurrent Enrollment of High School and other eligible minor students. Passed at District Senate
   d. AP 4070: Course Auditing and Auditing Fees: District Senate vote to table until fall—NC wanted to expand chances for auditing.
   e. Budget information: Budget Forum—Tuesday, June 2, 12:50-1:50 P.M. in Hm 129
   f. Committee appointments: Integrated Strategic Planning Workgroup-need 1; HRAG-need 1; TRAG-need 1; Student Services Planning Subcommittee-need 1; District Academic Standards-need 2; Ad-hoc Curriculum Committee for Reading, Math, & English—Sonya Nyrop, James Namekata, Edd Williams; Institutional Research Board—Eddy Chi.

VIII. New Business:
   a. *Curriculum Proposal: Options for revision of the process: Carolyn Quin
   b. Recommendations from the Instructional Program Review Committee: Carolyn Quin
   c. Placement exam changes for math: Information only—Carolyn Quin
   d. Election of Senate Vice President

IX. Liaison Reports:
   a. Classified Staff: Akia Marshall
   b. Student Senate: Itzel Tiscareno

X. Administrative Reports

XI. Other Reports: (Due May 18, 2015)
   a. Curriculum Reports: Carolyn Quin
   b. Instructional Program Review Committee: Carolyn Quin
   c. District Program Review (DPR): Carolyn Quin
   d. Strategic Planning Council (SPC): Robin Steinback
      including updates from District Budget Advisory Council (DBAC); Technology Resources Advisory Group (TRAG); Human Resources Advisory Group (HRAG); & Physical Resources Advisor Group (PRAG)
   e. Academic Planning Council (APC): LaTonya Parker
   f. District Academic Standards (DAS): Edd Williams
   g. Assessment Committee: Cheryl Honore
   h. Faculty Development Committee: Larisa Broyles
   i. Diversity Committee: Advije Tolunay
   j. Basic Skills Committee: Sonya Nyrop
   k. Student Equity Committee: Dyrell Foster/Cordell Briggs
   l. Safety Committee: Joyce Kim
   m. District Profession Growth & Sabbatical Leave Committee (PG&SLC): Kathy Saxon
   n. RCC District Faculty Association (RCCDFA)/CCA/CTA/NEA

XII. Senator Reports
   a. Associate Faculty (Part-time Faculty): 
   b. President: Travis Gibbs
   c. Vice President: LaTonya Parker
   d. Secretary/Treasurer: Edd Williams
   e. Senator At-Large: Nick Sinigaglia

XIII. Open Hearing

XIV. Adjournment
*Proposed curriculum processes change (1) discipline inclusion proposals, (2) new program proposals, (3) course inclusions and exclusions (same process).

Currently: All of these proposals go directly to the district (Tech Review Committee) before they are discussed at the college curriculum committee.

Proposal # 1: Change the current process for discipline inclusion, course inclusion (or exclusion), and program proposals so they go on a path that includes the college curriculum committee before they are placed on any district-level agenda:

Discipline > Department > **College Curriculum Committee** (for discussion and preliminary endorsement action) > DCC Tech Review > All three colleges > Senate (programs only) > DCC > District Senate (programs only) > Board of Trustees.

Proposal # 2: Permit the DCC to elect the chair of Tech Review Committee (a subcommittee of DCC) on a rotation system like the other district positions. RCC has always held this position since 2006-2007, and Greg Burchett has held it for about 5 years. The DCC has not been part of the determination of who has this position in at least the last two years.

Proposal # 3: Ask the District Senate to discuss among themselves and with college and district administrators the language included in the 2014 MVC Comprehensive Master Plan that states that the district determined unique CTE programs for each college and that each campus is distinct because of those. Since 2010 the district has extended that directive to many programs that are not CTE programs by refusing to support financially certain programs at either of the smaller colleges (such as performing arts, theatre, visual arts) that are large or popular at RCC.

Proposal # 4: In a related issue, the “District Discipline Facilitator (DDF)” is a position that has no true function anymore. The DDF level in CurricUNET is the only level where any proposal can stop for no reason. The DFF has ten days to approve a course. If they do not approve it, it does not move forward. The Originator receives no notice of this inaction, so their course can be delayed for months in the process. MVC has had at least one unique course that was not taught at either of the other colleges that was not approved by the DDF from another college. A college should not be stopped in the process of seeking approval for a proposal by one person at any level. The curriculum process needs to be clear to all, in writing, and capable of being revised using a process that is also in writing and readily available.