Meeting dates for spring (after today): March 16; April 6 and 20; May 4 and 18; June 1. Senate meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. No meetings in Jan., July, or Aug.

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Roll Call:

President: Travis Gibbs (present)
Vice President: LaTonya Parker (absent)
Secretary/Treasurer: Edd Williams (present)
Senator-at-Large: Nick Sinigaglia (present)
Business & Information Technology Systems: Cheryl Honore (present)
Communications: Valarie Zapata (present)
Health, Human & Public Services: George Gage (absent)
Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences: Lisa Hausladen (absent)
Science & Kinesiology: Sal Soto (present)
Math: Adviser Tolunay (absent)
Public Safety, Education, & Training: Donald Foster (absent)
Associate Faculty:

Visitors:
College President: Sandra Mayo
Vice Chancellor Educational Services: Michael Reiner
Vice President Student Services: Dyrell Foster
Dean of Student Services (Counseling): Michael Paul Wong
Student Equity Committee, Associate Professor English: Cordell Briggs
Asst. Chair Communications, Associate Professor English: Jeff Rhyne
Curriculum, Instructional Program/District Program Review: Carolyn Quin

I. Call to Order: The meeting began at 3:52 pm with a quorum (7 or more) present: Williams, Honore, Zapata, Lipkin, Nollette, Cortes, Baciuna, Sinigaglia (8 Senators present). Soto arrived 3:58 pm

II. Approval of Minutes: 12/01/14; Motion: Lipkin Seconded: Zapata 7 ayes, 1 (Sinigaglia) abstention.

III. Michael Reiner, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services, Workforce Development and Planning: Reiner provided a personal bio, including his 32-year teaching and administrative history, 15 of those years in administration. Gibbs commented about budgeting (since Reiner talked about it in his bio). Reiner replied about traditional budget models and how things may need to evolve. Gibbs asked for feedback to assist Reiner in his adjustment to our college / District. Reiner encouraged us to “assist in the innovation.” Rhyne asked about proxy voting. Reiner talked about varying meetings, e.g. Enrollment Management, so that everyone will have a chance to attend. Mayo added the need for fully understanding the various considerations in various meetings and the growing population locally (near 200,000) and ways we can better serve our community.

IV. Ongoing Business
a. Senate elections: Gibbs brought up the need for developing a timeline for elections as follows: Spring Break is April 13-17 – do we have elections the week after Spring Break or wait for 2 weeks after? Soto said he liked the 2 weeks. Motion Soto, Second Nollette, for elections to start on April 20 and to end May 1 at noon. Unanimously approved. Motion for Zapata to head up the election; Soto as back-up: Motion Nollette, Second Soto. Unanimously approved.
b. **Accreditation follow-up draft:** Rhyne reported still wanting feedback, and Gibbs stressed the importance of reading the documents and offering feedback.

**NOTE:** Unofficial addition to agenda at 4:28PM: Gibbs brought up the Master Plan and our need to look over the documents and to provide additional editing/other feedback. Dr. Mayo stressed “we sent to MV-all, so it’s been sent out a couple of times this way.” Please offer feedback. The first 5 chapters have been approved, but the rest still needs more feedback. Then the meeting proceeded through a sensitive topic: losing the PA (Physicians Assistant) Program. Multiple attorneys reviewed the documents; we did sign off the accreditation (effective Jan 14, 2015). But we still need to ensure our students who are still in the Program that they can complete the Program, which will take until October of 2016. Students within the Program have been notified by letter; students who applied were also notified. Further information was given; some discussion ensued as to the process whereby the PA Program has ended. This agenda addition ended at 4:44PM. Soto wondered why we lost the Program. Mayo said she would provide the document if Soto requested it. Mayo noted this process has involved confidential and legal processes. Rhyne asked about the process and why it has been managed on a District level. Mayo said the Program and the legal matters affect the entire District. Rhyne stressed our need to update our CORs and Programs to get us up to date.

End of full discussion: 4:52PM

c. **Curriculum – Degree path options:** Carolyn Quin -- Statements on current situation:

- Students who want to receive the A.S. or A.A. degree in any program must complete the “current local General Education requirements.”
- Students who are receiving the A.A.-T. or A.S. –T. (TMC, SB 1440, or ADT) degrees have to complete only (1) the “major” area plus either (2) CSU General Education or (2) IGETC patterns. They do not have to also complete the “local General Education requirements.”

Curriculum Committee Motion (passed unanimously): The approved motion approves the (1) CSU General Education or (2) IGETC patterns as “local” GE. Students could continue to complete the current “local General Education requirements” if they want to, but it would not be required of them if they complete either of the other two options. Student would now have “major” (AOE, CTE, or other) plus 3 options: “local,” CSU, or IGETC.

The State Chancellor’s Office says that the college has to approve all three as “local GE.”

1. This motion asks that the CSU General Education be approved as one option for “local” Gen Ed.
2. This motion asks that the IGETC pattern be approved as one option for “local” Gen Ed. The result: More “Completers”

Example #1:

Student completes **AOE in Communications, Media, and Languages** = 18 units

Adds CSU General Education for 39 units

Total: 57, plus 3 units of electives = 60 units for transfer

Result: 60 units and an A.A degree (no additional requirements)

Benefit to student: Students was “undecided about a major, so student did not take ADT ‘major’ in “Communications Studies.” The more general AOE degree exposes student to several possible areas. Student can now transfer and continue upper division studies in “major” area with CSU or IGETC option.

RE: degree or transfer path options (handout provided to attendees).

Gibbs reported an administrative review from Sylvia Thomas, Dr. Reiner, et al. Our District has three colleges, one curriculum; this requires significant review.

Quin gave a brief history of the “Gen Ed Committee.” Soto added his expertise as a counselor. Quin said MVC Curriculum has set a goal of increasing the number of students who get an AA or AS rather than just transferring. According to Title 5, “You can’t use work experience toward a degree,” said Quin.

Soto reported former ways students have met degree requirements and how options changed due to State mandates. He would like to present more at the next Senate meeting. The term “Local” came up in the reporting: “Local” means RCCD (as opposed to CSU). Gibbs asked how important a vote today would be. Quin said it “would help our students.”
Motion Soto to accept the following: to approve (1) CSU Gen Ed or (2) IGETEC patterns as “local” GE. Seconded: Honore. Unanimously approved

d. AP 5011: Admission & Concurrent Enrollment of High School and other eligible minor Students: Still awaiting more information

e. Great Teachers Seminar: One slot still available for full-time faculty. No one responded. The slot has been lifted. Only Manuel Cortes-Rangel will be attending.

f. Committee appointments: Integrated Strategic Planning Workgroup-need 1; HRAG-need 1; TRAG-needs 1; Student Services Planning Subcommittee-needs 1; Instructional Program Review Committee: Olga Dumer, Carolyn Quin, Cheryl Honore; Resources Subcommittee of SPC: Rebecca Loomis, Ingrid Wicken, Carolyn Quin, Felipe Galicia.


V. New Business:

a. Budget and planning processes – BSPC attendees and reporting information to the Senate. Mike McQuead has been notified about reporting to the Senate. Mayo asked about former reports to the Senate from BSPC. Senators agreed that they could not recall the last report. Mayo talked about how expensive some of our Programs are at MVC. Mayo asked Nollette to comment on student-to-faculty ratio in some of the Programs at BCTC. Many are 6 students to 1; some are 3-1 and even 1-1 when training with handguns, rifles, and other weapons. Williams asked about budget allocation models and why MVC justifiably should be getting a bigger piece of the pie, given these expensive programs. Mayo agreed that something needs to be done as we move forward with budgets to make the case for MVC receiving larger allocations.

Williams asked about BCTC becoming a “Center” as was reported at Feb 23 Senate meeting last week and the budget costs related to making BCTC a Center. Mayo acknowledged the costs would be high as we move forward.

Williams reminded the Senate that at last week’s Senate meeting, Mayo reported that making BCTC a Center would have a financial benefit of about $1 Million and asked Mayo if this $1 Million would go to MVC or the District, in light of the high costs related to some of the student-to-faculty ratios at BCTC.

Mayo added similar student-to-faculty ratios also exist in some Allied Health Programs and then said the $1 Million would go to the District, but on-going budget considerations should take into consideration the specific needs of some Programs.

Gibbs commented on the proposed Budget Allocation Model from Aaron Brown’s Office. Williams noted that it was his understanding that the numbers are only a hypothetical model and reminded the Senate that the numbers were included in the Feb 23 Senate minutes last week and should be included in today’s minutes. They are as follows:

RE: DBAC: The numbers regarding the potential impact to each college are for illustration purposes only and reflect application of the revision proposal to the adopted FY 14-15 BAM in order to facilitate discussion. The application of the revision proposal results in a deficit of $571,912 for MVC; a surplus of $656,533 for NC; and a deficit of $84,620 for RCC. For comparison purposes, the adopted FY 14-15 BAM reflected a deficit of $1,005,325 for MVC; a surplus of $3,545,636 for NC; and a deficit of $2,540,311 for RCC.

Mayo commented it is unfortunate the model has MVC starting off with a $500,000 deficit. Williams added that the first time he saw these numbers was on Feb 23 2015 in a related report from Carolyn Quin for the Senate and wondered why the Budget Allocation Model was not more readily circulated.

Soto expressed concern about that fact (the numbers not circulated more openly). Additional comments about the budget process were shared, more off the record than on. On a related matter, Mayo noted we have 10 accreditation agencies to deal with, not just ACCJC.

b. General Education workgroup was reported on by Quin earlier in V.a.

Nollette exited the meeting at 5:45pm. We still had 9 senators present.

c. AB 86: Power Point and information for Planning Grant Status – Gibbs called up the Power Point for a visual review

VI. Committee and Liaison Reports:

a. Classified Staff: Gustavo Segura – no report

b. Student Senate: Itzel Tiscareno – no report
VI. Administrative Reports

VIII. Committee Reports: (Due March 16, 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/ Ree Amezquita
   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: Adviye Tolunay
   j. Basic Skills Committee: Sonya Nyrop
   k. Student Equity Committee: Sheila Pisa/Cordell Briggs
   l. Safety Committee: Joyce Kim
   m. District Profession Growth & Sabbatical Leave Committee (PG&SLC): Kathy Saxon
   n. RCC District Faculty Association (RCCDA)/CCA/CTA/NEA

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

X. Open Hearing – Soto again expressed his concern about information not being delivered in a timely manner, whether from the Board of Trustees or administration. Some discussion ensued about budget concerns, particularly those that were discussed last week at the Feb 23 Senate meeting. The current Budget Allocation Model was commented on with expressed concern from some of the Senators, specifically that the “fighting” and “thinking positive” that Dr. Mayo mentioned last week are fine, but not nearly enough. “We need to be ‘engaged’” was a comment added toward the end of the meeting.

XI. Adjournment at 5:57PM