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Minutes of October 15, 2014

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	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2014		Motion by J Hoyt for approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2014. 2nd by A Aguilar-Kitibutr. Voice vote – unanimous with one abstention.
	President's Report	<p>J Gilbert shared the following (attached):</p> <p>Accreditation and Budget: The Oct. 2 Chancellor's Office Consultation Council meeting will discuss amending a section of the California Code of Regulations, Title V, pertaining to accreditation. Current regulations specifically designate the ACCJC as the sole accreditor; the proposed change would refer only to the Chancellor selecting a "regional accreditor recognized and approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education." Also to be discussed: whether allocations in 2014-2015 Budget Act are sufficient to trigger an increase in the districts' FT faculty hiring obligation next fall. The Chancellor's Office staff believes this year's Budget Act provides adequate funds to support an increase in the FT faculty obligation and are prepared to recommend same to the BOG. J Gilbert pointed to the dilemma that SBVC already meets its obligation number.</p> <p>College President Search Update: the screening committee for the open position meets next week. Open forums (live via Internet) and online surveys will likely happen in mid- or late-November.</p> <p>Sabbatical Leave Reminder: Applications should be completed and submitted to the President's Office by Nov. 1. There are currently two district openings. The campus committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the District committee.</p>	

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	<p>New Business</p>	<p>FACCC: Wrap-Up of Legislative Year: A Au introduced John Smith from Santiago Canyon CC, VP of the FACCC Board. The organization split off from the CA Junior College Association in 1953 in order to exclusively represent faculty. Presentation highlights included the organization’s preference for working legislatively in Sacramento with one party holding a 2/3rd majority for ease of passing bills and bond issues. The budget of \$140.4 million allowed for a 2.75% increase in enrollment. ACR 45, which passed, prevents a reduction of PT and classified hours in order for districts to avoid their obligations regarding implementation of the Affordable Care Act. AB 2295 addresses PT faculty difficulties in the process of transferring unused sick leave from one district to another. The window for such transfers has increased from one year to three. AB 675 addresses maternity/paternity leave not restricting service credit toward achieving tenure. FACCC is also addressed funds paid to the ACCJC. A bill addressing funding necessary to include foster students being part of EOP&S is being prepared.. Ongoing FACCC priorities include: 1) faculty staffing/compensation, 2) accreditation, 3) retirement security, 4) fighting privatization, especially within CTE and nursing programs, 5) restoring fully funded student services. He encouraged Senators to join the organization: “Every Faculty a Member, Every Member an Advocate.” The web site includes direct links to automatically send opinions to pertinent legislators. FACCC also encourages local site visits with legislators’ field offices. Monthly dues are \$18; if done via payroll deduction, a \$50 deduction can be donated to the foundation or rebated via gas card.</p> <p>Student Equity Plan: A Aguilar-Kitibutr described the college’s commitment to providing equity across various ethnic groups and needs, with the goal of preventing underperformance and lagging retention rates by struggling sectors, e.g. AB 540 students, African-American, Hispanic/Latino, ESL, foster youth, veterans. Available data undergirds the plan’s framework; information sources include Datatel database system and student success scorecards. The plan contains four major components: 1) goals/outcomes, 2) activities/actions, 3) budgeted resources, 4) contact persons for coordination. There will always be accountability and a schedule of evaluation. The state identifies four success indicators: 1) Access, 2) ESL and Basic Skills completion, 3) certificate completion, 4) transfer rates. Prior to the October 29 Senate meeting, J Gilbert will email the plan to Senators for feedback. There is a Jan. 1, 2015 deadline for the plan to be submitted to the State chancellor. A year-end report must be filed and the SEP is reevaluated every three years.</p>	

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	Old Business	<p>AP/BP Updates: BP 2725, Board Member Compensation, has proposed raising student trustee rates from \$100 to \$400 per meeting, matching the elected board member stipend. District Assembly chose not to make a motion. At the board meeting, it came to the floor for a first reading (no vote). Pros include: trustees are in a lower financial status than full members; an increase would allow them to lower their outside workload; a raise would encourage more students to run for the position; also, student trustees do not receive health benefits. Cons: trustees aren’t full members, not privy to closed sessions, not counted toward quorums, not elected by the public, and no current job descriptions/list of duties exist. (A new AP is being drafted to delineate a job description.) The Board’s motion was to raise the student trustee rate to \$200, not \$400. J Lamore questioned if student trustee limitations are tied to Title V or simply arbitrary; J Gilbert said he would explore the matter. Any proposed raise would occur following the next election cycle. He noted there is one student trustee from each college.</p> <p>AP/BP 4025: Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education, was sent to L Hector and Curriculum Committee for review. Both the AP and BP, plus comments, are in Senate Meeting Files; additional comments should be sent to L Hector.</p> <p>Bylaws: proposed Section 201 language by J Lamore and J Gilbert was edited to read: “The president shall not serve more than two consecutive terms, but may return to stand for reelection after at least one term out of office.”</p>	

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	Committees	<p>Faculty Vacancies: a handout from College Council was distributed, listing classified and faculty unranked vacancies as well as Program Review ranked lists. The Oct. 22 College Council meeting will consider both. G. Fisher addressed the available funding, which is no longer attached to specific positions. Eight slots were already funded, with the possibility of two additional from fallout or reserve funds from last year. "We will sort this out as a campus and come to some reasonable conclusions as to how we are going to go forward." Tomorrow's presidential forum will offer a detailed and stand-alone PowerPoint report addressing: what positions there are, where they come from, where the funds are, what have already been filled, and what is remaining. The 50% Law and construction will also be addressed. She seeks feedback from faculty and Senate. J Gilbert noted that College Council would be Oct. 22, 1:30 – 3:30, which would push back Executive Senate by a half hour. The committee addressing vacancies includes J Gilbert, C Huston, S Lillard, and L Hector.</p> <p>Ed Policy – no report. Student Services - no report. Personnel Policy - no report. Career & Tech Ed - no report. Financial Policy - no report. Equity and Diversity - no report. Legislative Policy - no report. Elections - no report. Curriculum - no report. Program Review - no report. Professional Development –</p> <p>Accreditation & SLOs – ACCJC Site Visit: C Huston said the site visit went very well. The team had great support from the Office of Research Planning. Five commendations include: Distance Education (online web site), VP of Instruction for organization of the visit and work with accreditation faculty, Professional Development Committee, Valley Bound, and Middle College. Only one recommendation addressed a deficiency: current Program SLOs are only at 22%. Improvement was suggested regarding dialogue on evaluations of campus processes and governance, continued updating of student complaint processes, and further review of financial aid processes.</p>	

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