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Minutes of October 15, 2014

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2014		Motion by J Hoyt for approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2014 2nd by A Alsip Voice vote – unanimous save 1 abstention
	President's Report	<p>J Gilbert addressed the following in his report (attached):</p> <p>California's 2014-2015 Spending Plan Detailed: The Legislative Analyst's Office's report plans to fully fund the CA state teachers' retirement system; budget-related legislation raises rates for the state, employers, and employees to address a \$74 billion unfunded liability in 32 years.</p> <p>Proposition 30 Tax Extension: the 2012 tax increases expire in 2016; a likely ballot measure would propose extending them, more palatable than new measures raising revenues. This potentially would impact education bond measures.</p> <p>Presidential Candidates Campus Forum: first-level interviews will be next week. The Nov. 6 forum will follow the past pattern: all candidates addressing questions from the floor. Details and candidate biographies will be available by Nov. 4.</p> <p>Next Senate Meeting: Senate meets again next Wednesday, Nov. 5.</p>	

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	New Business	<p>New Accreditation Standards – Mission Statement Revision: J Gilbert observed that SBVC got through the accreditation process using the old standards. The new Standard 1A.1 says: “The mission describes the institution’s broad educational purposes, its intended student population, the types of degrees and other credentials it offers, and its commitment to student learning and student achievement.” He proposed tasking Ed Policy Committee with exploring comparable mission statements, with a deadline of Nov. 19. C Huston suggested Napa Valley College as a conforming model.</p> <p>College Council Faculty Prioritization: College Council met Oct. 22. Their prioritized list of top-ranked positions is: 1) Nursing, 2) Nursing, 3) English, 4) Chemistry, 5) English, 6) Physics, 7) Psychology, 8) Kinesiology. The original motion was to approve the top seven slots, which all had majority votes, and then re-discuss the eighth position. Two following amendments departed from the original motion to the point that J Gilbert cast a nay vote. J Banola addressed the process reality that, despite the lack of a majority, the eighth position did receive sufficient votes for approval. J Gilbert said that 14 members of College Council were present; the first seven positions each received 12 yes votes; Kinesiology then received 7, Aeronautics 6, Music 5, and Machine 4.</p> <p>J Stankas noted that College Council’s recommendation was to send its entire list to the President for consideration. Discussion ensued regarding competing needs of Kinesiology – needing two FT football coaches to help African-American males matriculate through the system – and Music Department having only one FT faculty for more than 1,000 students. “These arguments should be made to Program Review with relevant data. We need to revert to the processes that we have.” The assumed timeline is that these tenure-track positions will be opened in Spring 2015 for full hires in Fall 2015. Decisions regarding temporary FT or extending temporary full-times will be made before January Board. Spring vacancies will be handled case-by-case. S Lillard said Program Review would rank personnel (faculty, classified) Nov. 14.</p> <p>Bylaws – Standing Committees: There are eight standing committees: Career & Tech Ed, Ed Policy, Equity/Diversity, Elections, Financial Policy, Legislative Policy, Personnel Policy, Student Services. J Gilbert noted that the chairs of all standing committees are on Executive Senate; any changes will affect Executive Senate’s composition, which currently is comparably large. A couple of committees do not currently have descriptions in the Bylaws. Possible consolidation will be discussed by Executive Senate Nov. 12.</p>	<p>Motion by J Stankas: “We urge the President to commence the hiring process for the first seven priorities for faculty recommended by the majority of College Council, and wait for the results of the institutional needs assessment for faculty on Nov 14th before selecting the next faculty positions for hire.” 2nd by L Burnham. Hand Vote: Approved (15 yea, 8 nay, 3 abstain)</p>

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	Old Business	<p>Student Equity Plan: A Aguilar-Kitibutr presented some past history of the SEP last time; a copy of the meeting files has been distributed. She solicited continued feedback and lauded a <i>Rostrum</i> (ASCCC) article by J Stankas, “Infusing Cultural Competency, Diversity, and Equity.”</p> <p>AP/BP Updates</p> <p>AP 2510 (Collegial Consultation): District Assembly studied the AP again, incorporating changes requested by Senate. SBVC still prefers a detailed document outlining charges, memberships. The question is whether our focus on Valley’s campus has been to the detriment of the District portion. A discussion ensued regarding Line 59: Principles of Collegial Consultation, and the possible ceding of influence/authority to District Assembly. J Stankas noted that collegial consultation rightly flows from faculty through Academic Senate; the second bullet point has the Board of Trustees charging the Chancellor with the responsibility for consultation. Title 5 and AB 1725 grant broad powers to the Senate; the Board relies on Senate’s advice/judgment in 10+1 areas. “This seems to take that out of Senate and give it to District Assembly and say that Academic Senate is <i>part</i> of District Assembly, and District Assembly reports collegially to the Chancellor. And that’s the end of consultation.” A counter-argument is that District Assembly is more inclusive, e.g. classified staff members, etc.</p> <p>J Gilbert reported that under “Additional Committees,” “Managers Meeting,” formerly PALM, reads: “Reporting to the President, Valley College managers, directors, deans, VP’s meet as needed with the president to review and discuss items as submitted to the College Council and to study leadership theory and practices.”</p> <p>AP/BP 6200 (Budget Preparation) and AP/BP 6300 (Fiscal Management) have been sent to Campus Budget Committee for review; feedback is solicited.</p>	<p>Motion by J Marquis to approve the Student Equity Plan. 2nd by R Metu. Voice Vote – unanimous.</p> <p>Motion by S Lillard: Senate does not agree with the new AP language and directs its Academic Senate president to work with Crafton Hill’s academic senate president to construct language more in line with Title 5 and Subsection 2500, “relying primarily upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate,” and bring it back to Senate. 2nd by A Aguilar-Kitibutr. Voice Vote – unanimous.</p>

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	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report -</p> <p>SBCCD-CTA – S Lillard said membership cards are being mailed out. Agency-fee or fair-share non-members will not receive cards. The letter will include membership benefits and application instructions. Please change incorrect addresses with the CTA. More emails will be coming regarding the Tuesday election.</p> <p>District Assembly -</p>	
	Public Comments		

