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FCCCC President's Address CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting Wednesday, September 4, 2013

Chair Wolff, Chancellor Hyman, members of the board, officers of the district, faculty, staff, and all others present, good morning.

Yesterday the FC4 officers met with Provost Edghill-Walden, members of the office of academic affairs, & Vice Chancellor Lynnerup.

- 1) The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of a FC4 retreat at the beginning of Spring 2014. In great collaborative fashion, the retreat turned into an even better idea: a Spring Curriculum Development Retreat. All agreed this would be an excellent use of time for faculty and administration throughout the district--a great way to present all the work the PAC team will have completed by then. The PAC team will create a draft agenda on a range of breakout sessions all designed to bring clarity to the PAC process, brief faculty and administration on ICCB updates and processes, and give faculty and local administration a chance to collaborate and improve communication.
- 1) All agreed the FC4 retreat should resume in Fall of 2014--and we agreed we should start the planning now, which I think is healthy and will lead to a meaningful experience for both faculty and administration.
- 1) At yesterday's meeting we also agreed to resume the Executive Council Meetings, which historically were scheduled the Wednesday before the board meeting. I recommended that these meetings have structure and purpose. Firstly, the three groups, that is, FC4 officers, Office of Academic Affairs, and Reinvention would be given time to exchange issues and ideas. Secondly, the seven local council presidents--who are part of the Executive Council--would each be given time for a short briefing report on issues respective to their college. All agreed in principle this would be good, and I will send the future meeting dates as soon as the officers pick the dates, which will be done ASAP.
- 1) With Faculty Development Week behind us, Director Jonathan Keiser (OAA) and I will be drafting up a planning process for next year's FDW. We both agree that the planning for FDW needs to start earlier--much earlier--as in next month. We will create a model for a standing committee, which would meet throughout the academic year for planning. This committee should have broad representation: faculty from all

seven colleges (perhaps the local council presidents or designee), FC4 officers, a staff member from the Office of Academic Affairs, and a coordinator(s) for food, room designation, AV requirements, and program design and printing. Jonathan Keiser and I will draft planning steps and a calendar. A key component of the plan will be to schedule planning steps that involve faculty input and recommendations before faculty leave for summer and are off-contract. Moreover, we need a planning schedule that greatly minimizes last minute decision making thereby reducing the stress this causes.

- 1) During FDW, it became clear faculty still had a lot of questions about the GPS Pathway Project. I have requested a FAQ, which will include definition of terms, questions about process, and contact information for REI7 Directors and faculty representatives. At yesterday's Executive Council meeting we even added a few more questions, which will address issues that came up in the meeting. Draft versions of the pathways have been posted on line so all interested parties have access. I have sent out this link to FC4, and yesterday, my Vice President sent out the link to my college staff and faculty. Hopefully, this has happened at all the other colleges as well.
- It's true some faculty still have questions and concerns. At yesterday's meeting it
  was recommended those concerns be addressed head on and in person. VC
  Lynnerup has agreed to visit those local councils that still have questions. I think this
  is a good idea. It's important faculty concerns are addressed.
- 1) It proves to be a busy year. There is much work ahead. Many of the colleges have recently had council elections. At our first FC4 meeting later this month, I will present newly elected FC4 representatives with a written status of the new and ongoing initiatives FC4 has been working on with the Office of Academic Affairs and Reinvention--and in the coming board reports I'll be reporting on the outcomes of these initiatives.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Aguila, Asst. Professor Truman College FC4 President