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FCCCC President's Address
CCC Board of Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2013

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

A few status updates:

1) Institutional Review Board (IRB)

All the IRB members have met, been sworn in, and agreed to the meeting schedule for 2014. At last Friday's meeting the by-laws were reviewed and next steps established. It was a great meeting with thoughtful discussion. We have a great group.

2) The Center for Distance Learning Executive Council has met and has been tasked to draft the CDL strategic plan as required by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Executive Director Gene Stephens led the meeting and faculty representatives provided thoughtful insights and expressed key faculty concerns regarding curricula oversight, academic rigor, assessment, student readiness, professional development, access to instructional resources—and more. As requested by HLC, a strategic plan is due in February 2014, and I have no doubt the team will have it ready.

3) Vice Chancellor Joyce Carson presented Akademos at our last FC4 meeting in late November. It was a good presentation and FC4 communicated the following concerns:

- Would faculty experience any restrictions about their choice of textbook for their classes? I asked VC Carson several times at last month's board meeting, and FC4 members asked at our November meeting if faculty would experience any restrictions on their choice of textbooks, and in all cases, we have been told faculty would NOT have any textbook choice restrictions.
- FC4 has serious concerns about the aggressive deadline schedule which was presented. FC4 officers would like to meet with VC Carson and the Provost to discuss this deadline schedule further.

- FC4 hopes ***high quality training materials will be available for both faculty and students in a timely manner*** so as not to disrupt the beginning of the summer and fall semesters, which will essentially serve as test-runs.
- FC4 would like Frequently Asked Questions documents (1 for students; 1 for faculty) written which would be sent to both faculty and students to address concept, purpose/advantages, user how-tos, and troubleshooting.
- FC4 agrees textbook kiosks and college signage would be good to help advertise the new program. Some of our students still have computer access challenges, so textbook kiosks with computers would really benefit those students who need computer access. The kiosks should also have clear support materials available with clearly written how-to directions. It would also be good to have human support staff available near the kiosks for additional troubleshooting, especially during registration and the first two weeks of the semester.

4) Faculty have also been talking about the biometrics initiative, and I'm here to report every faculty member that I have spoken with—including FC4 members— have serious concerns about the program and greatly dislike the idea. FC4 is willing to discuss this issue further with administration.

5) Lastly, at our last district faculty council meeting, FC4 members expressed solidarity with our Adjunct Brothers and Sisters. FC4 stands with CCC adjuncts in their negotiations for livable wages and access to benefits so that they may live their lives with dignity. As we head into this holiday season, I urge everyone to stand with the adjuncts. I urge those on both sides of the negotiation table to stand up for economic justice!

Respectfully Submitted,
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