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CRC Academic Senate Meeting

On Thursday September 10, 2015, Past President Georgine Hodgkinson attended the CRC Foundation Board meeting in my place. Georgine gave me a few things to highlight regarding this meeting. First, the Foundation will be supporting the campus OneBook project with funding again this academic year. Georgine shared with those at the meeting how critically important OneBook is for the campus, and how many faculty use the OneBook selection as an element of their courses. Second, there is a great need for more CRC Foundation fundraising, and I would like to support the need with a reminder to all faculty to please consider supporting the Foundation. Please review the CRC Foundation website to learn more about the mission of the Foundation and ways to help. On behalf of all faculty I would like to thank the CRC Foundation for their continued support of students and faculty.

Our accreditation site visit will occur from October 5-8, 2015. In preparation for the visit I would encourage faculty, particularly any faculty in leadership positions, to read through the Self-Evaluation document prior to the visit. Additionally please consider attending the session hosted by Maureen Moore on behalf of the Professional Development Committee on Monday, September 28, 2015 from 4:30-5:30pm in BS 128. Faculty Tri-Chair of Accreditation and Academic Senate Past President Georgine Hodgkinson will provide some insight into the accreditation process and site visit. Leading up to the site visit I have accompanied CRC President Ed Bush to some of the participatory governance committees, Curriculum and Budget so far, to review items pertinent to those committees. These committee visits have been very useful for me in preparation for the site visit.

Safety is still on the minds of most people in the Los Rios District. Safety has been a continuing topic of conversation. Meetings with Chancellor Brian King, Los Rios Police Chief Cheryl Sears and CRC President Ed Bush have all including some discussion of safety. On October 21, 2015 the Los Rios General Counsel coordinated external review of the fatal shooting incident at SCC will be presented to the Los Rios Board of Trustees (BOT). CRC Faculty member Michelle Barkley is a member of the Los Rios District’s Preparedness Assessment Team which will be meeting on November 4, 2015. Various forums and trainings with Los Rios Police will be scheduled at CRC. Please watch for more information later this fall.

At the September 15, 2015 District Academic Senate (DAS) meeting three of the four campuses wanted to begin discussion and research on the equivalency process (R5123) in the district. Information will be gathered regarding how other multi-campus districts handle the equivalency process. Also, DAS President Brian Robinson was tasked with letting District Administration know that there is concern about the equivalency process and the DAS will be opening up discussions and research into process.
Thank you to the faculty appointed to the Food Services Advisory Group—Michelle Barkley, Howard Lewis, Timaree Hagenburger, Dana Wassmer, and Jason Newman.

Also, thank you to all the faculty appointed to the CRC Presidential Enrollment Management Task Force—Greg Beyrer, Eddie Fagin, Rhonda Farley, Minet Gunther, Scott Hamilton, Bud Hannan, Michael Lawlor, Grant Parker, Patrick Rogan, and Dana Wassmer.

Additional faculty are still needed for the following groups:

Two Campus Presidential Task Groups.

1. Alternatives to Placement—college discussion of what other methods besides COMPASS might be used to determine college readiness
2. Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)—college discussion on commitment to reach HSI status for the campus

At the District there are two work groups needing CRC faculty appointments.

1. Dual Enrollment—passage of SB288 will require the district to determine how to amend current Policy & Regulations regarding dual enrollment of high school students
2. SCC Common Assessment Initiative (CAI) Implementation—Fall 2016 pilot of statewide CAI at SCC means it will come to CRC soon thereafter so the work group will follow implementation process at SCC

Please go to the Google Form link to request an appointment to any of these groups.

Finally, in an effort to increase student persistence from fall to spring semester, CRC President Ed Bush will be supporting a new institutional initiative called “5 Minutes to Success”. He recognizes that faculty members have a great influence on students, and he will be calling on all of us to take some time in November, just before spring registration opens, to talk to our students about success. In early November Ed will be reaching out to all of us with some ideas of what we can do with the five minutes we take from our class time to encourage students—review important registration dates, stress the use of various student services, discuss career pathways, and just be supportive and encouraging of success. Please strongly consider joining in the “5 Minutes to Success” initiative in November…our students are certainly worth the time and effort!

Thank you for all the dedication and hard work these first five weeks of the semester. I hope you are having a wonderful semester so far, and enjoy the weekend!

--Julie Oliver, CRC Academic Senate President