SCC & SAC JOINT ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
4 February 2015
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Room E-203

I. Continental Breakfast & Greetings (9:00-9:15)

II. Welcome & Introductions (9:15-9:35)
AS Presidents, Corinna Evett & John Zarske

III. Trustee Phil Yarbrough (9:35-9:45)

IV. Bio Break (9:45-9:55)

V. Academic Senate President Updates (9:55-10:15)
SAC AS President Zarske
SCC AS President Evett

VI. Cultural Competency (10:15-11:00)
Presentation and Discussion Led by SCC AS President Corinna Evett

VII. Accreditation (11:00-12:00)
Presentation and Workshop Led by SCC AS Vice President Craig Rutan, SCC Curriculum Chair Joyce Wagner, and SAC AS President John Zarske

VIII. Adjourn

Wishing you a productive spring semester!

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Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, to act, to communicate and to think critically. We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing accessible, transferable, and engaging education to a diverse community. (Approved 9/10/13)
Rancho Santiago Community College District BP2410 (previously BP9001) (Setting Policy)
Adopted 03/17/97

Revised March 28, 2011

The Board may adopt such policies as are authorized by law or determined by the Board to be necessary for the efficient operation of the District. Board policies are intended to be statements of intent by the Board on a specific issue within its subject matter jurisdiction.

The policies have been written to be consistent with provisions of law, but do not encompass all laws relating to district activities. All district employees are expected to know of and observe all provisions of law pertinent to their job responsibilities.

Policies of the Board may be adopted, revised, added to or amended at any regular board meeting by a majority.

The RSCCD Board of Trustees believes that a major trustee role is to set policy for the District. In setting policy, the Board wants to create and work within a participatory environment with respect for students and all employee groups. For developing policies regarding the academic and professional matters numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8, the Board will consult collegially with the faculty by relying primarily on the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate (per previous agreement with the Senate).*

For developing policy regarding the other five academic and professional matters, the Board will consult with the faculty through the mutual agreement process previously agreed upon. At RSCCD, the mutual agreement process is the use of the shared governance structure consisting of councils, committees, and the District Council. Further, representatives of staff and student groups are encouraged to work within the established processes to address the issues of the District.

The Board of Trustees values consensus building; however, it realizes its legal responsibility to make final decisions regarding policy.

*For the following items the Board of Trustees will rely primarily upon the advice of the Academic Senate:

1) Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines; 2) Degree and certificate requirements; 3) Grading policies; 5) Standard or policies regarding student preparation and success; 8) Policies for faculty professional development activities;

For the following items, the Board of Trustees will come to mutual agreement with the Academic Senate:

4) Educational program development; 6) District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles; 7) Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self study and annual reports; 9) Processes for program review; 10) Processes for institutional planning and budget development.

Administrative regulations are to be issued by the Chancellor as statements of method to be used in implementing Board Policy. Such administrative regulations shall be consistent with the intent of Board Policy. Administrative regulations may be revised as deemed necessary by the Chancellor. The Board reserves the right to direct revisions of the administrative procedures should they, in the Board’s judgment, be inconsistent with the Board’s own policies.

Copies of all policies and administrative procedures shall be readily available to District employees through the District website.

Reference: Education Code Section 70902; Accreditation Standard IV.B.1.b & e.