I. Introductions & Announcements – Sue Gonda & Mike Wangler

II. Welcome and Updates-GC President Sunny Cooke
Sunny welcomed everyone to GC and reported that several measures are on the November ballot and encouraged all to be informed – esp Statewide Prop 30 and East County Prop V; other proposed statewide measure does not provide funding for California Community Colleges. Prop V: GCCCD’s Facilities Bond Measure. The Facilities Master Plan is tied into the District Master Plan, and is key to improving the the two college campuses and District Services to the campuses.

III. Updates-CC President Mark Zacovic
Mark began by noting how proud he is of the quality of instruction students continue to receive despite the tough economic times. Mark reported the current district budget is based on worst case scenario as it was presented by the State last year. Sunny & Mark both emphasized that since that time, the State adjusted our budget downward. If the ballot measure supporting community colleges does not pass, we will have to make more cuts to the Spring Schedule.

Both Sunny and Mark explained some procedures for faculty and staff volunteering to educate students on the Facilities Bond; a “dos and don’ts list” from GCCCD legal consul would be sent to faculty and staff. Any work related to the bond must be done outside of work hours and without district resources. Bond measures during president election years produce a greater voter turnout; the polling results showed support for the Facilities Bond.

IV. SB 1440 Transfer Degree Update-Robin Steinback, Teresa McNeil, Amaliya Blyumin, Bonnie Schmiege, Jeff Waller
Robin Steinback, VP of Instruction at Cuymaca College: The 1440 Oversight Committee has approved 23 degrees for transfer; GC has approved 3 (History, Psychology, Sociology) and
Cuyamaca has approved 4 (History, Psychology, Sociology, Communication Studies). She encouraged faculty to join the listserv when their discipline is being considered and reviewed for a transfer degree.

Resources pointed out in this presentation
GC Curriculum website with links to the Chancellor’s office: http://www.grossmont.edu/curriculum/
State Chancellor’s website on SB1440: http://www.sb1440.org/.
Legislator updates on what the community colleges have completed: http://lao.ca.gov/reports/2012/edu/progress-sb-1440/progress-sb-1440-051112.pdf.

C-ID, common course identifiers; information can be accessed at http://www.c-id.net/. Robin encouraged faculty to participate in the C-ID process by attending a workshop for their discipline or participating as an online reviewer.

It was reported that the State Universities would now be giving priority to students with an AA or AS for transfer that the University accepts. Priority would be local students with an AA or AS for transfer, then outside students with AA or AS for transfer, then students with other degrees. Representatives from counseling explained that currently the advisement for students is very involved and recommended students meet with a counselor.

Faculty campus resources: the Articulation Officer, Instructional Operations and the Curriculum Committee co-chairs. For any degrees submitted to the Curriculum Committee: Outlines for courses included in the degree need to be updated prior to the degree being reviewed.

V. Small group discussion opportunity:
Faculty had the opportunity to talk with their colleagues about the AA and AS degrees for transfer.

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