

DESERT REGIONAL CONSORTIUM MEETING  
HILTON – SAN BERNARDINO  
September 24, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ron Vito and introductions were made by all in attendance (35).

**II. Updates:**

**Occupational Deans**

Laurie McLaughlin noted to the group that she would not be offended if another Dean wanted to represent the region as Occupational Dean, as she has been promoted to Dean of External Programs. All were in agreement that she remain in this capacity. Laurie also reported that we had many new people at the Dean's meeting this morning, then reviewed program approvals: Valley College—Biotechnology, certificate and degree, first read. Barstow—Information Systems Management certificate, first and second read.

Nick Parisi presented their new concurrent enrollment program with a local charter school. Many districts have been approached about this so we are planning a panel meeting to discuss this issue. Title V changes were discussed.

**CCCAOE**

Queen reminded everyone of the Fall Conference on October 10-12, 2007, at the Doral in Palm Springs. They need 1-2 door prizes from each college that will be in attendance. Queen also asked for nominations for Spring awards: Outstanding Faculty, Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Partnerships. Last year there were not early enough nominations. She also asked for a photo and paragraph for outstanding programs.

**Economic & Workforce Development**

Scott Hammer mentioned the Spring Conference for EWD, being held in southern California. Details will be available soon. ACCE is having their annual conference February 25-27, 2008, at the Hyatt Regional Suites in Palm Springs (more information on their website).

Robert Levesque thanked everyone for great attendance at the meeting this morning, and introduced new members in the Centers of Excellence: Bonnie O'Connor and Shenya Lindstrom. Mary O'Conner mentioned they have two hubs, mainly Allied Health.

They are having a Franklin Covey workshop at UCR on October 18, cost is only \$250, regarding leading a culturally diverse workforce. To register, you can call 760-776-7420 or go online "[www.codtrainingcenter.com](http://www.codtrainingcenter.com).

Marshall Gartenlaub reported the state VTEA Advisory for Industry and Technology Committee reviews programs in the 0900 TOP codes, and asked if anyone is interested in serving on this committee.

Quenton Hanson reported their enrollments are up about 9%. June Yamamoto said Command Spanish needs instructors. Contact Kathy Dutton if you know someone interested in getting trained to teach Command Spanish.

AB900 provides \$7.7 billion to develop strategies for “Prison to Employment” for prisoners that will be released.

### **CalWORKs**

They have a new allocation formula, and are having some difficulty with it, but each site is guaranteed a base of \$125,000.

### **Other/Miscellaneous**

College of the Desert has four employment openings.

Maggi Dunsmore reported that the Tri-regional Co-op Work Experience Meeting is on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at Mira Costa College.

### **III. Chancellor’s Office Update:**

Due to technical difficulties, we were not able to teleconference with Lucia Robles and Katie Gilks this morning.

### **IV. Regional Consortium Update:**

- Website—The website has been updated, and we have hired someone to manage the website. Instead of constant emails, there will be a new link on the website to access recent news, events, etc.
- Regional Planning Retreat—The Retreat will be November 1-2, 2007, at the Humphrey’s Half Moon Inn, San Diego. It will start with lunch on Thursday, and end mid-afternoon on Friday. We brainstormed agenda topics for the retreat:
  - Assessment of Mission and Vision ahead of time
  - Mini-grants – Stronger outcome in requirements to present back
  - Team building
  - Focus around being grounded in reality – it can actually be done
  - Interest in Green initiative. What does it mean for us, etc.
  - Review mechanism for reports, have something put together before meetings to hand out. Streamline resources. Include EWD initiatives. Highlight one every other month. Futuristic view – what is coming up in 5-10 years.
  - Process/format of our meetings
  - Keeping up with certificate language, upcoming items from Chancellor’s Office
  - Budget summary
  - Thinking outside the box
  - Allocation of resources

- “New Deans” Training Topics—Regional Chairs want to take the lead on this training for new deans. We need input to get it going. The following are suggestions from the group:
  1. Concurrent Enrollment
  2. What is EWD?
  3. Advisory
  4. Kevin Fleming suggested ACCCA Training (Admin 101) overlaps this.

## **V. Legislation/Initiatives**

- Title V (55050) – Changed. Certificates less than 18 units can no longer be awarded with any kind of Certificate of Achievement, Certificate of Completion, etc. If you want to award a certificate, you will need to take programs with 12-18 units through the approval process, just like we currently do for 18 units and over. The regional deans have identified one dean to interact with the Chancellor’s Office on this matter.
- SB70 money has not been signed off by dept. of finance yet. RFAs probably won’t come out until January-February, 2008. Governor Schwarzenegger wants to link monies. Last year, not enough people applied, so this year it will be regular grants, allocated to colleges by region, on a competitive mini-grant.
- State Plan for CTE/Perkins IV – A number of public hearings are being held throughout the state. We had regional representatives at the public hearings in Los Angeles, Fresno and Ahlone. CDE would like to see Tech Prep rolled in to VTEA grant. We don’t want that--We feel very confident that we will have a recommendation to JACCTE to keep monies separate. There is contention around the split of funds between adult programs and community colleges. Tech Prep was very well represented.
- Cooperative Work Experience rules are changing. Title V no longer requires students to be enrolled in a minimum of 7 units, they can take a 1-unit Work Experience class if that is all they need or want to take.

## **VI. Presentation - Green Valley Initiative**

Kathy Fortner gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about transforming Riverside and San Bernardino counties into a region that integrates people and businesses with natural resources to create new jobs, greater opportunities and higher quality of life. Kathy will send the PowerPoint, list of new members, etc., to the desert listserv.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15pm

**Next meeting:** October 11, 2007, at the CCCAOE Fall Conference.