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Minutes of September 4, 2013

Time	Topic	Discussion	Further Action
	Call to Order		
	Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2013		Motion by K Kammer for approval of the Minutes of August 21, 2013. 2nd by J Notarangelo Voice vote – voice, unanimous
	President's Report	<p>J Gilbert presented the following (attached):</p> <p>Adjunct Senators: a welcome to adjuncts J Hoyt (Aeronautics) and J Buchanan (Psychology).</p> <p>Election of Academic Senate President: the election must be held no later than Dec. 15, with two candidates nominated by faculty at large or from the Senate floor. Nominations will be called for in a few weeks.</p> <p>Compressed Calendar: J Gilbert gave a brief history of calendar proposals, then proposed having a standing committee ascertain what 13 area colleges are considering, weighing ramifications like cost, financial aid, orientation, assessment, intersessions, etc. J Lamore asked how many times this impractical proposal needed to be defeated, considering the consistently negative feedback it fosters. S Bangasser reported that in 2004, CHC opposed the pilot concept; also, the entire District must either adopt it or not. A downturn in enrollment was a chief reason for considering the compressed schedule. Room usage is a critical factor. J Stankas said that some districts do run split calendars, which is more difficult. Some programs, e.g. nursing and aeronautics, do have to meet the time requirements of regulatory agencies. Block-scheduled MW classes would possibly have to add Friday. O McGinnis raised the problem of meeting the 177-day requirement within a compressed framework. J Gilbert reported that CHC is currently considering a 16-week calendar. A Au said CHC is a pilot school for the newly approved AB 955; District may expect SBVC to go along with their revised calendar. Student Services Committee was requested to bring back an information-only report.</p>	

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	Old Business	<p>"SLOs should be clearly mapped and aligned through a course sequence and among various levels (course, program, institution) to achieve the most efficient and effective assessment." Principle 4, ASCCC</p> <p>Wait List Revisit: CHC is moving to a Wait List for Spring '14. Their concern is the 24-hour turnover; preferred would be a 72-hour time frame. J Lamore suggested that two days would be a reasonable compromise. J Gilbert will continue dialogue with CHC.</p>	
	Committees	<p>Ed Policy – no report Student Services - no report. Personnel Policy - no report. Career & Tech Ed - no report. Financial Policy - no report. Equity and Diversity - no report. Legislative Policy - no report. Elections - no report. Curriculum – no report. Program Review – no report. Professional Development – no report.</p>	
	Additional Reports	<p>College President's Report - SBCCD-CTA –</p> <p>District Assembly – J Gilbert will meet in the next few weeks with the new head of Human Resources to discuss policies (which are being followed; which aren't) and other concerns.</p>	
	Public Comments		

