

**Vice President's Council
December 2, 2009
Summary Notes**

Members Present: Robert Boyd, Bill Crawford, Toni Gray, David Hernandez, Judy Johnson, Patsy Lemaster, Jerry Moller, Sheryl Mueller, Ed Nolte, Lou Ann Seabourn, Jack Stanley, Renee Vincent (ITV); Carol Moore-recorder

Members Absent: Daniel Esquivel, Paul Matney

Others Present: Leann Estep-AISD, Lana Jackson

Announcements:

- Occupations Handout
- Community College Tuition & Fees/Tax Evaluations
- Weather Cancellation
- Final Exam Schedule
- Final Grades
- Summer Schedule
- Academic Affairs
- Rita Wilson will schedule meetings in January to review Tech Prep articulations

Board of Regents Meeting

- No one attended the meeting in Hereford

CCSSE /Faculty Meetings-January 13, 2010 – Larkan-Skinner

There are 2 sessions scheduled on January 13, 2010 to present the findings on the ongoing assessment of communication skills in general education and the CCSSE survey results. There are both positive and negative results and faculty will be asked how to use the results to make improvements in the classroom regarding communication skills. After the sessions, faculty will be expected to take the results and recommendations and incorporate them into the classroom.

The Instructional Assessment Committee and the CCSSE Committee have been reviewing the initial results and will be making recommendations at the sessions in January.

Career Clusters – Lana Jackson

Jackson and a group from Amarillo ISD, Leann Estep (Career and Technical Director), Rene Burnham (Area Guidance Counselor), Karen Pierce (Career and Technical Coordinator) presented information on Career Cluster implementation in AISD. They began the process approximately 3 years ago after the state implemented new courses based on clusters. 600 individual classes were reduced to 195 classes in an attempt to eliminate duplication of courses. Many teachers have been required to get additional certifications in order to comply with career cluster mandate.

Beginning in 7th grade, students are introduced to the available career clusters. They take a Career Exploration course in the 7th grade to expose them to the available careers they may want to consider when they reach high school. Students are not locked into a particular cluster; there is flexibility for students to move between clusters.

Every course taught in AISD falls into one of each of 14 career clusters. Not every cluster is available at every campus, i.e. welding is available at Palo Duro only

AISD requires the following units of course completion: 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 4 social studies, 2 language, 1 PE, 1 fine art, ½ health, ½ speech, 5 electives

Jackson distributed an updated list of Cluster Assignments for AC degrees/certificates.

The manufacturing and information technology clusters must each have a common core identified by February 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.