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INITIATIVES:

1. **Advocacy**
   a. Survey the campuses regarding existing policies and practices for faculty governance participation in the evaluation of community college presidents. Evaluate results and consider a resolution for the Spring Plenary. see initiative template
   
   b. Survey delegates and CGLs regarding the impact of NYS budget cuts (base-aid reductions) on their campuses. Use this information for lobbying the Governor and the legislature for restoration of funding. Work with NYCCAP and NYCCT to develop a unified CC funding message. see initiative template
   
   c. Lobby the Governor to consider the importance of appointing Community College trustees who have a background in higher education. see initiative template
   
   d. Lobby to change State Education Code so that the Code accurately represents the role of the FCCC but does not specify its bylaws. see initiative template
   
   e. Consult with SUNY's Office of Government Relations to identify important legislative bills that the FCCC should focus on. Ongoing

2. **Strengthening shared governance**
   a. Monitor the impact of the FCCC Bylaws changes, which were approved on 10-28-10, on the effectiveness of council. Get feedback from the three standing committees regarding the efficiency of the new committee structure and from the Executive Committee regarding the separation of VP and Treasurer. Make suggestions for modifications as considered necessary. Ongoing
b. Develop a white paper on votes of no confidence as a resource for campus governance leaders.  
   see initiative template

c. Solicit further responses from campuses regarding program deactivation policies. When complete disseminate information to CGLs. (reference FCCC resolution passed last spring)  
   see initiative template

d. Consider the development of a SUNY statement on academic freedom. Work with SUNY and the UFS. Survey campuses regarding their statements on academic freedom.  
   Note: The Board of Trustees has a policy on this [Title 1 under Article 11 of its policies??] but it's very general and applies only to SUNY employees.  
   see initiative template

e. Enhance communication with and among the campus governance leaders (CGLs). Consider ways that the CGL listserv and ANGEL can be used to strengthen shared governance across the system. Periodically update the CGL listserv. Ongoing

f. Plan for a campus governance leaders' program to take place at the Spring 2012 Plenary.  
   see initiative template

g. Survey CGLs regarding whether their campuses have institutional review boards. What are their compositions? Collect their bylaws/procedure manuals. Develop FCCC recommendations.  
   Postponed until the spring

Initiative templates with details on following pages
Initiative: 1.a.
Survey the campuses regarding existing policies and practices for faculty governance participation in the evaluation of community college presidents. Evaluate results and consider a resolution for the Spring Plenary.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Write the survey – Michael & Ann Catalano
2. Follow-up - Nina
3. Summary report written and distributed to Governance Committee - Eileen

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:
- Survey to be sent by two weeks following the Plenary
- Results of survey by end of fall semester
- Possible resolution at spring plenary

Identify resources need for achieving activities:
- UFS report on faculty evaluation of administrators - Steve will post on ANGEL
- CUNY form for evaluation of administrators – Steve will locate and post

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 1.b.
Survey delegates and CGLs regarding the impact of NYS budget cuts (base-aid reductions) on their campuses. Use this information for lobbying the Governor and the legislature for restoration of funding. Work with NYCCAP and NYCCT to develop a unified CC funding message.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Follow up on survey that went out to delegates/alternates - Michael
2. Summarize and prioritize responses – Lisa and Margherita
3. Write a resolution supporting NYCCAP/SUNY 5-year proposal – Steve
4. Organize FCCC for lobbying as necessary – Michael

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Resolution should be ready for electronic discussion/vote by mid-November

Identify resources needed for achieving activities:

Jim Campbell will get a more definitive answer, in writing, about the role of delegates in advocacy and the use of college equipment/networks to do so.

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 1.c.
Lobby the Governor to consider the importance of appointing Community College trustees who have a background in higher education.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Research existing statement about qualifications of trustees. – Eileen
2. Nina has drafted a letter to her County Executive that she will share with the Committee
3. Draft a resolution - Eileen

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:
Concerns: how to solicit SUNY support; perhaps get cooperation of NYCCT

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 1.d.
Lobby to change State Education Code so that the Code accurately represents the role of the FCCC but does not specify its bylaws.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Post suggested changes to ANGEL for Governance Committee consideration. - Steve

2. Consider how to proceed in consultation with Jim Campbell.
   Jim recommends: 1) get Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor on board; 2) then must go to BoT; 3) then to State Education Dept. (John D-Agati – higher ed).

3. Write a resolution – language in law that made FCCC President a member of the SUNY Board could be useful

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 1e
Consult with SUNY’s Office of Government Relations to identify important legislative bills that the FCCC should focus on.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. ONGOING

2.

3.

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2a
Monitor the impact of the FCCC Bylaws changes, which were approved on 10-28-10, on the effectiveness of council. Get feedback from the three standing committees regarding the efficiency of the new committee structure and from the Executive Committee regarding the separation of VP and Treasurer. Make suggestions for modifications as considered necessary.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. ONGOING

2.

3.

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.b.
Develop a white paper on votes of no confidence as a resource for campus governance leaders.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Write a draft – Ted & Douglas will write a draft; Douglas will collect relevant materials from the UFS
2. 
3. 

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:
Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Kimberley) has materials that they will share.

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.c.
Solicit further responses from campuses regarding program deactivation/consolidation/termination policies. When complete share information with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and disseminate information to CGLs. (reference FCCC resolution passed last spring)

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Follow up on the survey, summarize and disseminate data – Michael & Ken
2. 
3. 

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.d.
Consider the development of a SUNY statement on academic freedom. Work with SUNY and the UFS. Survey campuses regarding their statements on academic freedom.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Resend the survey, collect and summarize statements – Michael & Ann will resend; Ken will assist with follow-up and summary
2. 
3. 

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources need for achieving activities:
Note: The Board of Trustees has a policy on this [Title 1 under Article 11 of its policies??] but it's very general and applies only to SUNY employees.

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.e.
Enhance communication with and among the campus governance leaders (CGLs). Consider ways that the CGL listserv and ANGEL can be used to strengthen shared governance across the system. Periodically update the CGL listserv.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. **ONGOING**

2.

3.

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

Identify resources needed for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.f.
Plan for a campus governance leaders' program to take place at the Spring 2012 Plenary.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1. Generate ideas for session(s)
2.
3.

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:
Have ideas by December

Identify resources needed for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative:
Name of Committee: Governance

Initiative: 2.g.
Survey CGLs regarding whether their campuses have institutional review boards. What are their compositions? Collect their bylaws/procedure manuals. Develop FCCC recommendations.

Identify activities necessary for achieving initiative:

1.
2.
3.

Draft a timeline for achieving activities:

POSTPONED UNTIL THE SPRING PLENARY

Identify resources need for achieving activities:

Identify person responsible for overseeing this initiative: