MEMBERS PRESENT
Raul Alcala, Regional Title V/HECCC Director
Jane Bruner, Title V Principal Investigator, CSU Stanislaus
William Covino, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, CSU Stanislaus
Dennis Gervin, Vice President for Student Learning, Columbia College
John Spevak, Vice President for Instruction, Merced College (Tele-conference)

GUESTS
Claudia Boehm, Regional Title V Administrative Support Assistant
Lana Jordan, Physics Instructor, Merced College (Tele-conference)
Vickie Pease, HECCC Clerical Support

I. Title V
Welcome and Introductions
Spevak welcomed members and guests and asked everyone to please introduce themselves.

Electronic Transcripts-Update
Modesto Junior College will be conducting tests in approximately a week and a half. Alcala will schedule a meeting to meet with all six campus contacts prior to the Board meeting in May. Will add to the April 30th agenda an update on the technologic aspect of electronic transcripts and why it is important to follow thru with it.

Carry Forward Funds from Year I and Year II
According to the budget report recently acquired, $134,632.64 unspent at this time. Spevak suggested utilizing part of this carry forward on any expenses related to the Title V/HECCC conference in April.

Cooperative Projects between HECCC/Title V and the AMP Program (Bruner)
Bruner explained briefly that the AMP Program assists under-represented students and is starting a new phase (phase four). In phase four they are promising scholarships to community college students to persuade them to receive their BA degree in Science and also to continue to graduate school.

The AMP Program is planning on having a summer program or weekend event for students in their first or second year in community college where they will be enrolled in a research program and hopefully this will interest them in pursuing a degree in the sciences.

This item will be further discussed during the May meeting.
May 30th Board Meeting Agenda Items
Main agenda item(s) for meeting will be:
   1. Approval of March 26, 2007 Minutes
   2. Cooperative Projects between HECCC/Title V and AMP Program (Bruner)
   3. Budget (Approved Title V Carry Forward Funds)
   4. HECCC/Title V Conference in April (Update)
   5. Summer Rural Physics Institute at UC Merced
   6. Campus Reports
   7. Other

II. HECCC

Welcome & Introductions: Vickie Pease, New HECCC Clerical Support
Vickie Pease was warmly welcomed by everyone after Alcala asked her to introduce herself. She briefly explained where she was previously employed and thanked everyone for welcoming her.

Rural Physics Grant Update (Lana Jordan)
Lana Jordan was hostess for the March 17 Physics Spring Institute at Merced College. She saw a very enthusiastic group of 10 teachers (out of 16 who were invited) and was very happy with the program. The focus was optics of reflection and transmission of light from different sources. The teachers seemed to have enjoyed the day and were given the equipment to take to their classrooms.

Gervin would like to see an energetic person who attended this workshop to come and share their experience at the April 30 Title V/HECCC conference.

Later in the meeting it was decided to try and videotape a couple of teacher interviews and present the video clip at the April 30 meeting. Raul will speak with Clarence Bakken and find out if he has names of some local people who would be willing to be taped.

It was announced that the summer event will be during the last week in June 2007. More information will be disclosed as the date approaches.

Minutes
The February 26, 2007 minutes were approved with two changes.

Election of New Chair for HECCC
Spevak asked that a new chair for both Title V and HECCC be appointed during the 2007-2008 year. Spevak is retiring and can no longer be the Title V Chair after the 2006-2007 year ends.

Expenditure Request for HECCC: Summer Rural Physics Institute at UC Merced
Alcala briefly reported that the cost for room and board is approximately $50 per person. An expenditure request was approved for HECCC to pay for the meal costs for the Summer Physics Institute for approximately 14-16 participants.

Spevak requested that Alcala create a report on an approximate actual cost prior to the May meeting.

Proposed Conference for Student Affairs and Academic Instruction Officers: Planning for the Conference and HECCC Goals
The Board agreed for the event to be scheduled for April 30, 2007 from 9:00am-1:30pm, including a working lunch, in the Faculty Development Center at CSU Stanislaus.

The following item will be included in the agenda on April 30th: “ Appropriately using the Regional Title V Collaborative Grant to implement on HECCC.”

Also, the following subtitle will be added to “What the HECCC:” “The Past Accomplishments, Present Synergy, and Future Visions.”

The Board agreed to cancel the April 23, 2007 Joint Meeting with the Vice Presidents of Student Services. Boehm will send an email regarding the cancellation of the meeting.

III. Campus Reports
CSU Stanislaus:
Bruner reported that unsure of whether or not the campus faculty would go on strike or not. Enrollment up 3.6% above what they projected for this semester.
The new Science II Building was expected to be completed by the end of March 2007 but unfortunately will not be completed until next month, but it will be open for classes next fall 2007.
CSU Stanislaus ranked one of the top universities out of 266 based on small student-to-faculty ratio, according to Princeton review ratings.

Columbia:
There will be a new President beginning in January 2008. Her name is Dr. Joan Smith.
Two new facilities being built on a timely manner: Child Development Center and Science Building. They will be bio thermal and have already applied for lead certifications for both buildings.
Gervin has become the Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences and Athletic Director.
New Forensics Team placed 1st in State.

Merced College: Spevak announced that they are in the process of hiring two new Deans in the office of Instruction and eight new faculty members. They are no longer in negotiations.
The new Library Building is open and doing great! It is projected that the new Los Banos campus will be open for classes in summer 2007. It is approximately 120 acres with 22 having permanent buildings.
The Business Resource Center will open next January in Downtown Merced.

IV. Other
Boehm will email tentative dates for 2007-2008 Board/Council Meeting Calendar. It will also include dates for the joint meetings with the Vice Presidents of Student Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

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