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Small or Rural College Caucus Minutes

Attendance: Jason Edington (Mendocino College), Jan Moline (Cerro Coso Community College), Paola Gilbert (Monterey Peninsula College), Kurt Sterling (West Hills College Lemoore), Julie Bruno

Discussion:

Meeting came to order at 6:05 pm. Jason gave a brief overview of the function of SoRCC, including the desire to look over the current resolutions through a the focus of how it will affect our colleges, as well as working with the Executive Board to indicate if there are issues we'd like to focus on.

Discussion turned to one of how to get more faculty involvement in leadership at our colleges. Concerns that, because there are so few faculty each wearing so many hats, it has made recruiting difficult. Especially when we have many small, even singular, departments – it is a challenge to have them take release time and still run their program. One suggested idea was that if there were MORE release time in these situations, perhaps the college could consider hiring a full time temporary instructor, and this would help the faculty leader to run the program while they continue to engage in leadership activities.

Julie B. joined the discussion and suggested that we might be able to develop a survey to take back to the faculty at our schools. We might also be able work with the Local Senate Relations committee on this, and perhaps publish a Rostrum article if we get good feedback/results/ideas.

The meeting ended at about 7pm.