

# BIG 8

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Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2012  
Presidents/Deans Meeting  
Santa Rosa Jr. College -

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Commissioner Mike Liddell at 10 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing SCC: Kathryn Jeffery and Mitch Campbell; SRJC: Frank Chong and Jim Forkum; CRC: Liz Belyea and Jeanne Calamar; ARC: Jean Snuggs; Sierra: Willy Duncan and Tom Gang; SJDC: Reed Peters; DVC: Christine Worsley; FLC: Stuart Van Horn, and Commissioner Mike Liddell.
3. President Frank Chong welcomed the Big 8 guests to SRJC during which time he briefly went over his professional background before coming to SRJC. He's proud to be on the beautiful campus at Santa Rosa; he mentioned one of the newest additions to the campus is the Burdo Culinary Arts Center which recently opened and where we all enjoyed lunch. President Chong is inspired by the younger generation coming up.
4. **Minutes** from the December 6, 2011 Presidents/Deans meeting were MSC.
5. **Commissioner Reports:** Budget – Presented without comment. Appeals – Presented without comment. Decorum/Violations – Presented without comment. Residency Report – Presented without comment.
6. **CCCAA Report** - Jim Forkum - 1. CCCAA staff salary study is ongoing. 2. Smart Tool is adding 2010/11 data to bring it up to current level; large number of colleges not using this tool. Colleges are encouraged to take advantage of this information. 3. Feather River issue: FRC lost good neighbor policy with Nevada and is now under review by CCCAA Board for extended recruiting. A question was asked if the new legislation was passed by the CCCAA Board and if it will soon be available to view on the website. A concern was raised about the legislative vote being held in the fall which means the spring sports have to wait 1 ½ years before legislation is passed and implemented.
7. **Management Council** - Jim Forkum - This Council is dealing with the following topics: Protecting the Core, Program Reductions, Repeatability, Climate Survey, Contiguous Boundaries, Statewide Stats with Presto Sports (funding for this project is uncertain; the concept is good but how do we fund it), On-line Exam requirements with minimum scores of 80, Wrestling Weigh-in Changes, Ojai Hosting Tennis Championships, Possible Re-conferencing in the Future, new ADs

Code of Ethics; Colleges dropping summer classes need to apply for waivers with CCCAA, and fall sports start dates changes coming.

8. **Campus Updates** – Presidents/Designee comments: **Sierra**, President William Duncan said they are staying on top of budget concerns with the whole campus sharing the pain; **SJDC**, Reed Peters, Ass't AD, said that summer school for 2013 has been cut; **ARC**, Jean Snuggs, Dean, said Los Rios District is preparing for worse case scenario with many positions on hold; **CRC**, Liz Belyea, Dean, said the budget has been cut to bare bones; athletic classes for summer campus have been kept; new athletic fields are under construction; **SRJC**, Jim Forkum, Dean, said they are hiring 24 faculty for fall 2012 and a new womens soccer coach; they have protected athletic classes but they are down classes for summer; they are in a wait and see mode like everyone else; **SCC**, President Kathryn Jeffery, said the chancellor will be retiring at the end of August so they are in transition but stable with no furloughs; they have reduced classes and summer classes; they are hiring four positions; Hughes Stadium is under construction with September 7<sup>th</sup> being the grand opening date; **DVC**, Christine Worsley, Dean, baseball/softball facilities are being upgraded, in the middle of an OCR resolution, sports funding is a major problem with all sports, cutting classes and figuring out what's next.
9. **Repeatability** – Jim Forkum and Mitch Campbell - There seems to be more questions than answers surrounding this topic. Deans should look at "Family of Classes, i.e., swimming, diving, aquatics, water aerobics, etc. and Tops Code at each college; changes coming to Title V on repeats, i.e. cannot repeat activity class if student earned a grade of A,B, or C but can take class two more times if they earned lower grade; moving classes into families of classes is critical. Repeatability affects Bylaw 3.6. Possible resolution in Spring 2013. Want to do what is fair and equitable.
10. **Baseball Contact Hours** - Mitch Campbell - Currently we do not follow Bylaw 3.6 for off season. How do we get to a level playing field? Is 175 contact hours the right way to go? Mitch recommended that for fall 2012 we follow Bylaw 3.6. Need to have the right amount of hours well defined. It was suggested that the baseball coaches meet to discuss this issue and then have coaches/deans meet for informal discussion to find resolve. A motion was made to have Commissioner Mike Liddell work on setting up a meeting between the coaches/deans to discuss this subject.
11. **Constitution** – Jeanne Calamar – The constitution was updated in March 2012 and is posted on-line.
12. **Miscellaneous topics** briefly mentioned by the Commissioner – 1. New wrestling constitution; 2. Contemporaneous medical records with the suggestion made to have the waiver form updated requesting the Dr. signature; 3. On-site administrator needed at all events, 4. Community service on the website, 5. Program review.

13. Jim Forkum asked if deans had seen the CAD Report from SRJC. It was sent to all ADs in the State. It compares athletics with other departments and the role athletics plays and what they support.

Meeting Adjourned