COS 2.0 PREPARES FOR RELEASE OF GOVERNANCE, PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION MANUALS

As we start the 2013 academic year and implementation of key features of COS 2.0, we are pleased to announce completion of three important manuals that clearly describe how our college functions! All of these manuals were developed through comprehensive, collaborative processes this past spring including reviews and readings by Academic Senate, former College Council, Accreditation Response Task Force, Associated Student Body representatives, and input from Accreditation Summits, district-wide Accreditation Forums and COS eNEWS.

The College of the Sequoias 2013 Integrated Planning Manual clearly explains the scope and purpose of each element of district planning and timelines/cycles for ongoing evaluation and renewal of institutional plans, goals and objectives. This manual incorporates our (department/division level) Program Review process for annual assessment of success toward achieving our COS Strategic Plan objectives.

The COS 2013 District Governance Manual clearly explains the roles, responsibilities and authority assigned to each part of our district governance and decision-making process. Additionally we have attached copies of our most recently revised Board Policy 2510 and Administrative Procedure 2510 which further clarify the role of Academic Senate in relation to the COS Board of Trustees on matters of the 10 + 1 areas of governance.

The COS 2013 Resource Allocation Manual clearly describes the annual state and district budget development process and timelines. It clarifies General fund sources including discretionary and non-discretionary funds. It also explains how “Above Base” funding is allocated through a transparent process carried out by the District Governance Senate Budget Committee and in full accordance with a department/division’s annual status in the district Program Review process.

These manuals will be bound in a single document and will include our Institutional Planning Calendar which will provide cyclical dates/timelines for all governance planning processes for the next ten (10) years. By the end of September it will be posted on our district website and hard copies will be provided to all Senates, and District Governance Senate Committees. This document will be located on our website under the “About COS – Governance & Leadership” link at http://www.cos.edu/About/Governance/Pages/default.aspx. COS 2.0 It’s here. The future is new!

Respectfully,

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