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Colleagues,

On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education took action on the community college budget. Today, the Assembly Full Budget Committee confirmed these actions as part of their total budget package.

Below are a summary of changes they made from the May Revision:

- \$50 million on-going for the Full-Time Student Success grant.
- \$32 million on-going to waive fees for first-time, full-time students, as defined in AB 19 (Santiago).
- \$15 million one-time for eligible yet unfunded College Promise grants.
- Approved all 29 Proposition 51 capital outlay projects submitted by the Chancellor's Office.
- \$15 million to develop or enhance an on-campus on veteran resource centers. This funding will be redirected from the Student Equity program.
- \$2 million one-time for veteran resource centers and/or public safety centers at Norco, El Camino, and Fullerton community colleges.
- \$10 million on-going to support career technical education and workforce development in areas of the state with high unemployment. The action seemed to be redirected from the Economic and Workforce Development program; however, the intention was to redirect funding from the Strong Workforce program.
- \$10 million on-going for mental health services by redirecting Proposition 63 funding from counties.
- \$11.3 million one-time to assist with Compton College transition from a center of El Camino Community College District to a stand-alone college.
- \$5 million on-going for Hunger-Free Campus grants, which will be outlined in trailer bill language.
- \$5 million on-going for the Part-time Faculty Office Hours program.
- \$4 million on-going and \$11 million one-time for additional hours of instruction in the K-12 apprenticeship programs.
- \$2.5 million on-going to support the Umoja program.
- \$1 million one-time to assist with Compton College transition from a center of El Camino Community College District to a stand-alone college.
- \$1 million one-time for the Academic Senate to support the C-ID project. In addition, authorize the Board of Governor's to enter into direct contracts with the Academic Senate for the purpose of supporting statewide initiatives.
- Increase the Cal Grant C award to \$1,094 by eliminating for-profit colleges from participating and reinvesting savings.

Both houses took similar or identical action on Proposition 51 capital outlay projects, Compton College, veteran resource centers, Part-Time Faculty Office Hours, and the Academic Senate. While there is a significant portion of the budget process that still needs to play out, having both houses take the same or similar action on an issue improves the odds that it will be included in the final budget. Similarly, since both houses have found savings by reducing deferred maintenance funding by around \$75 million, eliminating the \$45.8 million surplus in 2015-16 apportionments, and by rejecting \$20 million for Innovation Awards, it is less likely for these funds to be included in the final budget.

Conference Committee will work out the differences between the budgets, as well as negotiate with the Governor on what the final budget should contain. This process will start next week and will likely conclude mid-June. As I mentioned in the previous update, the most significant difference will be around financial aid. The Senate has a program focused on students with a demonstrated financial need, while the Assembly focuses on a “free college” program.

I will continue to provide updates along the way, and feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Regards,

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