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Consent/Routine

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Brice W. Harris, Chancellor
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Action

Information

ISSUE: The Board of Governors will be provided with an update on both state and federal activities. The state discussion will include an overview of the 2013 California Community Colleges legislative forecast. The federal discussion will highlight newly introduced legislation and recent developments at the national level pertaining to community colleges.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented to the Board for information and discussion.
OVERVIEW
On December 3, 2012, the State Legislature was sworn in for the 2013-2014 Session. In addition to being sworn in, several members introduced legislation and some of these measures will affect the community college system. The Assembly Speaker announced committee chairs, and the Pro Tem of the Senate announced leadership positions and the members of the Senate Rules Committee. We expect members of all the committees to be named in January. Below is a brief list of the recently introduced legislation, followed by a list of key committee chairs, and a recap of the November 6, 2012, Election from the community college perspective.

Legislation
Recently introduced legislation includes several bills that will use funds created by the passage of Proposition 39. This initiative requires multistate businesses to pay income taxes based on percentage of their sales in California. The resulting revenues will be used over a five-year period for energy efficiency projects. The analysis of the initiative estimates revenues of $1 billion annually, and there is no shortage of ideas on how to spend these funds. Other bills include legislation for a statewide bond, amending current law on nonresident tuition for veterans, and a bill that would put a measure on the ballot for voters to reduce the two-thirds requirement to pass a parcel tax. Some of these measures are in “spot” form, with only intent or placeholder language. If history is our guide, we should see approximately 100 or more community college related bills introduced by the mid-February deadline.

Bills of interest introduced in December for the 2013-2014 Legislative Session

- **AB 13 (Chávez) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans.** This bill eliminates the requirement that a student be stationed in this state to receive that exemption, and would require the student to be discharged within the immediately prior year in order to receive the exemption.

- **AB 29 (Williams) Proposition 39: Implementation.** This bill proposes to create a revolving loan fund for public higher education systems to use for energy efficiency retrofit projects.

- **AB 39 (Skinner) Proposition 39: Implementation.** This bill proposes to create an account for K-12 school districts to receive grants and other financial assistance for energy efficiency projects.

- **AB 41 (Buchanan) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014.** This bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014.

- **SB 8 (Yee) Public Postsecondary Education: Executive Officer Compensation.** This bill limits compensation increases at CSU and requests compliance by UC. Restricts increases in compensation for two years following an increase in systemwide fees. Current language does not include community colleges.
• **SB 32 (Price) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Costs.** This bill requires the CSU and requests the UC to explore options to offer bachelor's degree to students for no more than $10,000.

• **SB 35 (Pavley) Higher Education: Energy Conservation.** This bill requires the three segments of public higher education to develop and administer an energy plan for near and long-term strategies for energy efficiency.

• **SB 39 (De Leon) Energy Efficiency: School Facilities.** This bill would appropriate funds to awarding energy efficiency grants to the most disadvantaged schools in need of modernization for energy efficiency upgrades.

• **SB 43 (Wolk) Renewable Energy: Shared Generation.** This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a shared, renewable energy self-generation program.

• **SCA 3 (Leno) Taxation: Educational Entities: Parcel Tax.** This bill would place a measure on the ballot for approval by the voters to reduce the requirement to pass a parcel tax for school districts and community college districts from two-thirds to 55%.

• **SCA 5 (Hernandez) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Recruitment and Selection.** This bill would place a measure on the ballot for approval by the voters to amend the Constitution regarding nondiscrimination to allow for student recruitment in higher education, for programs permissible under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

**Key Committee Chairs and Leadership Positions**

On December 3, 2012, Assembly Speaker John Perez announced the chairs of the committees of the Assembly. Assemblymember Connie Conway retains her position as Assembly Republican Leader. A list of key Assembly committee chairs is provided below:

- **Committee on Higher Education:** Assemblymember Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara
- **Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy:** Assemblyman Jose Medina, D-Riverside
- **Committee on the Budget:** Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield, D-Los Angeles
- **Budget Subcommittee, No. 2, Education:** Assemblymember Susan A. Bonilla, D-Concord
- **Select Committee on Community Colleges:** Assemblymember Steve Fox, D-Lancaster
- **Select Committee Workforce and Vocational Development in California:** Assemblymember Rudy Salas, D-Bakersfield
- **Veterans Affairs:** Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, D-Torrance

On the Senate side, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg announced that Senator Ellen Corbett retained her position as Senate Majority Leader. Senator Bob Huff retained his position as Senate Republican Leader. Although most of the committee chairs and membership in the Senate is expected
to be announced by January 2013, Senator Steinberg did announce members of the Senate Rules Committee: Senator Darrell Steinberg (D), Chair, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D), Senator Kevin DeLeon (D), Senator Bill Emmerson (R), and Senator Jean Fuller (R).

**November 2012 Election Recap – Community College Perspective**

In addition to the national races and the passage of Proposition 30, the November 6, 2012, election also resulted in 38 new members of the Assembly and one new member to the State Senate. A number of these new members have ties to community colleges. A number of important local measures were also put to the voters, including the City College of San Francisco local parcel tax, and several local bond measures.

**Newly Elected Members with Community College Ties/Interests**

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<th>Adam Gray (D)</th>
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<td>Assembly District 36</td>
<td>Steve Fox (D)</td>
<td>Former Antelope Valley College District trustee, AVC Faculty, K-12 teacher</td>
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<td>Assembly District 38</td>
<td>Scott Wilk (R)</td>
<td>Trustee at College of the Canyons, CTE a campaign issue, former staff to Buck McKeon</td>
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<td>Assembly District 51</td>
<td>Jimmy Gomez (D)</td>
<td>Los Angeles Community College adjunct professor, community college alum</td>
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<td>Assembly District 58</td>
<td>Cristina Garcia (D)</td>
<td>Teaches math at Los Angeles Community College and to high school students, worked with the LACCD to help students pass the CAHSEE</td>
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<td>Assembly District 61</td>
<td>Jose Medina (D)</td>
<td>Trustee at Riverside Community College, Teacher at Riverside USD</td>
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<td>Assembly District 63</td>
<td>Anthony Rendon (D)</td>
<td>Cerritos Community College alum</td>
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<td>Assembly District 76</td>
<td>Rocky Chavez (R)</td>
<td>Coached wrestling at El Camino High School, former Chief Education Officer for the School of Business and Technology Charter High School in Oceanside, CalVet Undersecretary, USMC Colonel. Worked with the Chancellor's Office on issues when he was at CalVet.</td>
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<td>Assembly District 79</td>
<td>Shirley Weber (D)</td>
<td>Los Angeles Community College adjunct professor</td>
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<td>Senate District 31</td>
<td>Richard Roth (D)</td>
<td>Former Air Force Major General, Judge Advocate General (lawyer). His campaign website highlighted interest in community colleges</td>
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LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTION RESULTS - BONDS AND PARCEL TAX MEASURES

Parcel Taxes – 2/3 Approval Required

San Francisco City College Parcel Tax, Proposition A San Francisco County:  
PASS 73%

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Measure I, Special Parcel Tax Measure:  
FAIL 62.5%

Contra Costa Community College District Measure A, Parcel Tax:  
FAIL 66.16%

Local Facilities Bond Measures – 55% Approval Required

West Hills Community College District Measure L:  
PASS 58%

El Camino Community College Improvement Measure E:  
PASS 68%

Cerritos Community College District Measure G:  
PASS 70%

Golden West College, Orange Coast College and Coastline Community College Measure M:  
PASS 57%

Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santa Ana College Improvement Measure Q:  
PASS 73%

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Proposition V:  
PASS 58%

MiraCosta Community College Proposition EE:  
FAIL 54%

Solano Community College Bond Proposition, Measure Q:  
PASS 63%

Election of Trustees by Area - Majority Approval Required

Ohlone Community College District Measure K. Election of Trustees by Area Voters:  
PASS 73%