



The Consultation Council

March 17, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X Dowd, Bonnie	McDowell, John	X Reel, Ron Norton
Friedlander, Carl	X Neault, Lynn	X Rowe, Randy
X Gomez, Toni	X Nish, Melinda	Tsang, Chui
X Hansen, Richard	X Pader, Alex	Bruckman, Steve
Hawk, Jeanine	X Patton, Jane	Scott, Jack
X Hendrickson, John	X Payan, Manuel	Skinner, Erik
X Lay, Scott	X Pilati, Michelle	
Mann, Jeanette	X Ramon, Diana	

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Jeffrey Michels, Susan Bray, Robert Ferguson, Paige Marlatt-Dorr, Theresa Tena, Michael Magee, Barry Russell, Linda Michalowski, Stephanie Low, Rita Mize, Marlene Garcia, Hazel Hill, Valerie Purnell, Michelle Underwood, Maryanne Michaels, LeBaron Woodyard, Cornelia Alsheimer

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the February 17, 2011 meeting.

Information on the New Website for the Chancellor's Office: by Terri Carbaugh

Terri Carbaugh, Vice Chancellor for Communication spoke to Consultation Council about the Chancellor's Office new website <http://CaliforniaCommunityColleges.cccco.edu>. Vice Chancellor Carbaugh thanked her staff for their hard work in putting together a more user friendly website.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy provided a brief update on the State Budget to the Consultation Council.

1. No agreement has been reached on putting the tax extension on the ballot.
2. The reductions in Governor Brown's budget passed in the Senate quite easily.
3. Delays in getting votes to have the tax extension measure placed on the ballot will make it more difficult to meet the June 7, 2011 deadline.
4. Pension reform and a budget cap are primary issues for Republicans.

Consultation Council discussed the Plan B scenario. The Plan B scenario is for districts/colleges to figure out what they will do if the tax extension isn't placed on the ballot or if the tax extension isn't passed. If there is no tax extension community colleges will most likely face cuts of \$800 million, double what the Governor originally proposed in the State budget.

Chancellor Scott discussed the Plan B scenario:

1. If community colleges receive an \$800 million cut he would strongly advocate for a workload reduction.
2. Ask for the cut to be proportionate between all education systems.
3. Would give colleges/districts as much flexibility as possible to deal with the cuts.
4. Emphasize that districts' priority should be transfer, career technical education and basic skills.
5. Some college may become insolvent if the cuts increase to \$800 million.

Consultation also discussed what the system and colleges/district can/should do if there are additional cuts. Some members spoke about regional consolidation. Members of the Chancellor's Office staff stated that any conversations on consolidation would have to take place at the regional level and that those talks should include all members of the college body. Chancellor Scott expressed some hesitation on talking about consolidation. He doesn't feel like this is a realistic solution given the political realities.

Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner stated that if community colleges have to go into a Plan B scenario that most likely the State (Governor/Legislature) will send information out on what they would like to see our campuses do. He suggested that the system should be a part of the conversation so that these priorities aren't imposed on us.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia (3 handouts)

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated the Consultation Council on state and federal legislative activities. She highlighted the following bills:

AB 515 (Brownley) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges – This bill authorizes the governing board of any community college district, without approval of the Board of Governors, to establish and maintain an extension program offering credit courses.

AB 626 (Blumenfeld) Distance Learning – This bill would define the term “distance learning” in the Education Code for California Distance Learning Policy. Specifically, it would define “distance learning” as a course conducted with over one-half of the instructional content delivered when faculty and students are in different physical places.

AB 851 (Nestande) Distance Learning – This bill defines distance learning as a course where a majority of the instruction is delivered through technology and the student and instructor are in different locations. The bill requires the California community colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU) and requests the University of California (UC) to report to the Legislature on workload and performance data on distance learning courses starting on January 1, 2014 and every two years thereafter. It also requires the California Virtual Campus, funded through the CCC Chancellor's Office, and CSU to report to the Legislature on the new California Online Program Planner project by January 1, 2012. Finally, the bill would require the BOG and the CSU to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of developing an online accelerated bachelor's degree completion program for students who started college but never obtained a degree. The section would be repealed on January 1 2018.

March 14th amendments added “associates” degrees to the reporting requirements and also specified that the LAO convene a task force to identify steps needed to establish a Western Governors University (WGU) in California. (WGU is a national online university offering Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in professions such as teaching, business, IT, and health.)

AB 2 (Portantino): Postsecondary Education: Accountability – This bill would repeal existing higher education accountability requirements and instead establish a new statewide postsecondary accountability framework to biennially assess and report on the state’s system of higher education in meeting certain educational and economic goals. The framework would include 6 statewide policy questions to measure postsecondary performance.

SB 721 (Lowenthal) Educational and Economic Goals – This bill would require an “undesignated state entity” to establish a new accountability framework for the state’s postsecondary education system to achieve educational and economic goals. An assessment shall be provided every two years. At this point no dates are specified in the bill.

AB 160 (Portantino) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School and Community College – This bill makes several changes to existing law regarding concurrent enrollment.

The bill:

- 1) allows a school district to enter into a partnership with a community college district to determine local concurrent enrollment policies for high school students;
- 2) permits a high school student to concurrently enroll in a community college during any session or term upon notification of the high school principal; current law requires the student to seek permission from the principal before concurrently enrolling in a community college. A student can exercise this opportunity only when all other options to enroll in an equivalent course at their local high school have been exhausted;
- 3) repeals the summer 5% cap on K-12 concurrent enrollment, along with related requirements and exemptions in current law; and
- 4) strikes existing law assigning low priority to concurrent enrollment students to ensure that regularly admitted students are not displaced and replaces this with language that prohibits a community college district from assigning any enrollment priority to these students.

AB 835 (Mitchell) Community Colleges: Economic and Workforce Development Program: Dual Enrollment – This bill would authorize community college districts to enroll high school pupils through the concurrent enrollment process who are not residents in their districts. The bill would grant authority for fiscal management of these programs to the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

AB 85 (Mendoza) Community College Facilities: Security Locks – This bill would require that all plans for construction or alteration (including modernization) of community college facilities contain security locks that conform to Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (i.e. locks that lock from the inside). The bill also extends the date by which K-12 schools have to implement the security lock requirements of AB 211 (Chapter 430 of 2010).

AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011 – This bill would provide persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition eligibility for student financial aid. Persons attending and graduating from California technical schools and adult schools, as well as high schools, would be included within the scope of this provision.

AB 131 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid – This bill would amend existing law to require the Trustees of California State University (CSU) and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC), and to request the Regents of the University of California (UC), to establish procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to apply for, and participate in, all student financial aid programs administered by these segments to the full extent permitted by federal law. This bill would also require the Student Aid Commission to establish procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to apply for all student financial aid programs administered by the State of California to the full extent permitted by federal law, except for Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards unless funding remains available after all California students not exempt have received Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards that they are eligible for. Lastly, the bill would require community college districts to waive the fees of persons who are exempt from nonresident tuition.

AB 372 (Hernandez) Public Postsecondary Education – This bill requires the California State University and each community college district to develop criteria for granting academic credit for the military training received by any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States before January 1, 2012.

AB 649 (Harkey) Postsecondary Education: Veteran's Enrollment – This bill would modify the current priority registration requirement for veterans by granting veterans an additional three years of priority registration entitlement after leaving active duty. This would bring the total time period within which a veteran student may receive increased priority registration for their service from two years to five years.

SB 813 (Veterans Affairs Committee) Veterans Enrollment – This bill would modify the current priority registration requirement for veterans by granting an additional two years of priority registration entitlement after leaving active duty. This would bring the total time period within which a veteran student may receive increased priority registration for their service from two years to four years.

Federal Update

A Continuing Resolution was passed that will fund the federal government until April 1. The resolution included \$5.6 billion in cuts to the Pell grant.

Vice Chancellor Garcia also thanked everyone who participated on the Board advocacy day on March 8, 2011.

Student Senate Update: by Alex Pader

Alex Pader, President of the Student Senate reported the following:

1. The March in March was successful. Approximately 15 to 18 thousand students participated.
2. Introduced Toni Gomez. She will be the other student representative on the Consultation.

3. The Student Senate Spring General Assembly will be April 1-3, 2011. Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsome will be the keynote speaker.

Other:

a. Parcel Tax Update:

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy explained what happened at the Board meeting.

1. Board member Gary Reed motioned for the Board to approval the parcel tax on a case by case.
2. The Board decided to have the motion carried over until Tuesday, March 8, 2011.
3. On Tuesday the Board considered both scenarios for this item. Board member Geoffrey Baum motioned for the Board to take action on the original recommendation by the staff. Board member Gary Reed withdrew his motion from Monday, March 7 and the Board voted unanimously in support of the motion by Board member Geoffrey Baum to adopt the staff recommendation.

Some members of Consultation felt that there was confusion and questioned if Board member Geoffrey Baum understood the motion that Board member Gary Reed proposed since he wasn't at the Board meeting on Monday. Chancellor Jack Scott, Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner and Vice Chancellor Dan Troy all felt that the Board understood the motion that they were approving.