



## The Consultation Council

June 16, 2011

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### Meeting Summary

#### Consultation Council Members:

X Dowd, Bonnie	X McDowell, John	X Reel, Ron Norton
X Friedlander, Carl	X Neault, Lynn	Rowe, Randy
Gomez, Toni	X Nish, Melinda	X 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	Pilati, Michelle	
X Mann, Jeanette	X Ramon, Diana	

**X – Indicates attendance**

Other Attendees: Theresa Tena, Michael Magee, Joshua Golka, Jeffrey Fong, Leslie Smith, Bob Davis, LeBaron Woodyard, Michelle Goldberg, Jonathan Lightman, Dean Murakami, Rita Mize, Carmen Sandoval, Judith Michael

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**Meeting Summaries:** Consultation Council reviewed the May 19, 2011, meeting summary.

#### **State Budget Update:** by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy updated the Consultation Council on the state budget. A majority vote budget was passed on June 15. The plan assumes that the Governors tax package will not be approved.

This plan will increase student fees by \$10 per unit, suspend the sexual assault response and student record mandates, and reduce the base by \$400 million.

At the time of the meeting the Governor hadn't indicated whether he would approve the majority vote plan.

#### **Small College District Workload Exemption:** by Dan Troy

This item discussed providing districts with less than 3,000 full-time equivalent student exemption from the workload reduction for 2011-12.

#### **2012-13 Budget Planning Update:** by Dan Troy

The 2011-12 budget workgroup met and decided to go forward with the following budget request:

1. Growth Funding
2. COLA
3. Restoration of categorical programs

There was also discussion about setting aside any extra funding for:

1. Noncredit funding
2. The student success task force recommendations
3. Improving the completion rate
4. Unemployment/Workforce Training
5. Veteran programs

The budget request will be presented to the Board in July and the workgroup will reconvene before the September Board meeting.

**Government Relations Update:** by Michael Magee

Michael Magee, Director of State Government Relations, updated the Consultation Council on state legislation. He discussed the following bills:

**AB 620 (Block) Nondiscrimination and Training, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity** – This bill requires the Board and California State University, and requests the University of California Regents, to establish policies on harassment, intimidation, and bullying to be included in the rules of student conduct related to gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. Campuses would be asked to designate an employee at each campus to be a point of contact to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender students. Campuses would also be requested to provide the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) with demographic information they collect regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. CPEC would be encouraged to conduct an assessment of the campuses, develop recommendations, and publish their recommendations on their web site.

**AB 1137 (V. Manuel Perez) Economic Development** – This bill makes changes to Government Code with respect to international trade to provide authority to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) for specified programs. AB 1137 authorizes the establishment of the California Export Promotion and Gap Financing Program (Export Assistance Program), within BTH, and states that the BTH may apply for federal program funding for the state trade and export program.

**SB 238 (De León) Athlete Agents** – This bill would protect student athletes, colleges, and universities from unscrupulous athlete agents by implementing a new penalty for violating the Miller-Ayala Athlete Agents Act. This bill would require athlete agents who are convicted of violating the Miller-Ayala Athlete Agents Act to disgorge all gross revenues that they are owed or received in connection with the violation and will require the courts to suspend or revoke the business privileges of convicted athlete agents.

**Position:** Support

**AB 852 (Fong) Community Colleges: Faculty** – This bill would provide that temporary community college faculty members have a right of first refusal for teaching assignments. This provision, however, would be superseded by any greater rights that could be provided in a collective bargaining agreement.

**AB 478 (Hernandez) Community Colleges: Funding** – This bill would amend existing law that requires the Board of Governors to develop criteria for their annual budget request that is based on specified criteria, including the positive difference between the state unemployment rate and a rate of five percent. The bill would increase the community colleges annual statutory growth rate calculation by removing the two percent cap.

**Position:** Support

**AB 515 (Brownley) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges** – This bill establishes a pilot community college extension program. The local community college governing board would be permitted to establish a pilot extension program that offers credit courses and set student fees that cover the full cost of instruction. The bill also specifies that collective bargaining and title 5 regulations would still apply.

Michael Magee reported that the Senate Education Committee staff is currently reviewing this bill.

Consultation Council continues to express significant concerns about this bill.

**SB 760 (Alquist) Postsecondary Education: The Cal Grant Program** – This bill clarifies and defines the annual reporting requirements, required under SB 70 (Chapter 7, statute 2011) for all institutions that voluntarily choose to participate in the Cal Grant program.

**SB 292 (Padilla) Community Colleges: Transfers** – This bill amends the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act by requiring that students admitted to the California State University receive priority enrollment over all other community college transfer students, excluding community college students who have entered into a transfer agreement between a community college and the California State University prior to the fall term of the 2012-13 academic year.

**Position:** Support

The Chancellor's Office was asked to review this legislation again before taking a support position.

More information on SB 292 (Padilla) will be provided at the next Consultation Council meeting.

**AB 383 (Portantino) Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Faculty** – This bill would provide a one-time stipend, an undetermined amount, to a California Community College district that enters into a collective bargaining agreement that prohibits a full-time instructor from teaching overload or extra assignments in excess of 50 percent of a full-time workload in any semester that commences on or after January 1, 2012.

#### **UPDATE ON LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:**

**AB 743 (Block) Common Assessment** – This bill would establish a common assessment tool for all colleges to use in placing students in mathematics, English and English as a Second Language. The bill has bipartisan support and passed the Assembly.

**AB 1056 (Fong) Electronic Transcripts** – This bill would create an incentive to have all colleges utilize electronic transcripts by December 2012. The bill passed the Assembly and has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1029 (Lara) Stand Alone Course Approval** – This bill extends the authority provided to community college districts to January 1, 2014 to approve instructional courses that are not a part of established educational programs. These courses are known as “stand-alone” courses because they fall outside the traditional groupings of credit courses that culminate in degrees. This bill passed the Assembly and will be heard by the Senate Education Committee.

**Course Repetition and Withdrawals:** by Erik Skinner and Sonia Ortiz

This item request changing title 5 to limit the number of times a district can received state funds when a student repeats a single credit course. The change would limit the number of times that a district can be paid for a single course to three times per student. Districts could allow one additional enrollment on an appeals basis.

Certain circumstances would be exempt from this change examples include legally mandated training, co-op work experience, special courses for the disabled, etc.

Representatives from City College of San Francisco spoke to the Consultation Council about why they feel this isn't a good policy and they provided an alternative policy for consideration.

**Student Senate Update:** by Alex Pader

Alex Pader, President of the Student Senate updated the Consultation Council on the activities of the Student Senate:

1. All three segments of higher education are looking at March 5, 2012, as the date for the March in March.
2. The new president of the student senate will be elected on July 10, 2011.

**Other:**

- a. Consultation Council Orientation
  1. A study session and orientation will be scheduled for late afternoon through early evening on August 17, 2011.
  2. Possible topics for the study session include; Fifty Percent Law, Role of the Consultation Council in regard to the Student Success Task Force, and the Faculty Obligation Number.