



The Consultation Council

January 20, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Diane Brady, Dean Murakami, Susan Bray, Chris Yatooma, Rosa de Anda, Mary Meuel, Sarah Tyson, Rita Mize, Michael Magee, Judith Michaels, Gregg Carr, Marlene Garcia, Jonathan Lightman, Hazel Hill, Renée Kilmer, Joshua Golka, Stephanie Puentes, Leslie Smith

Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman provided a brief overview of the Board of Governors meeting to the Consultation Council.

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the November 18, 2010 and December 16, 2010 meetings.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy

Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner introduced Dan Troy, the new Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Policy to the Consultation Council. Mr. Troy discussed the budget handout with Consultation. Governor Brown's budget proposes:

1. \$12.5 billion in spending reductions
2. \$12 billion in revenue extensions and modifications
3. \$1.9 billion in other solutions to close the budget gap
4. \$1 billion in reserve
5. Major proposed reductions in Medi-Cal, California's welfare-to-work program, the Department of Developmental Services, University of California, California State University, ten percent reduction in take-home pay for state employees not currently covered under collective bargaining agreements.

Budget proposal for California Community Colleges:

1. No mid-year cuts
2. \$400 million cut for apportionment reductions and reforms
3. Student fee increase of \$10 per unit

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4. 1.9 percent enrollment growth funded by \$110 million in revenues generated from the student fee increase.
5. Additional \$129 million inter-year funding deferral.
6. No further cuts to student support categorical programs.
7. Categorical flexibility provisions adopted as part of the *2009-10 State Budget* would be extended for two additional years, through 2014-15.
8. Modest downward adjustments in estimated local property taxes and student fee revenues for 2011-12.
9. Maintains full funding for the Cal Grant program

It was explained that the Governor's budget proposal is based on the assumption that voters will approve additional tax revenues.

Chancellor Scott also spoke to Consultation about the budget. He discussed:

1. Moving the census date to the end of the semester. He feels like this isn't firm and that as a whole, the Legislature does not support it.
2. He also stated that if the census date is moved districts could change their course schedules to only offer classes with good attrition rates.
3. The system will request a workload reduction if there is a \$400 million cut.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia spoke to Consultation Council state legislative activities and highlighted the following legislation:

AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: Dream Act of 2011 – This bill enacts the California Dream Act of 2011. It exempts a person who has attended, for 3 or more years, at least one of which shall have been in a high school, and graduated from, secondary school from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University. The bill also stipulates that a student who meets provisions of this bill would be eligible to receive a scholarship from non-state funds provided by the institution.

AB 131 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid – This bill amends the Donahoe Higher Education Act to provide that persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the Regents of the University of California, are eligible to apply for and receive financial aid from the Cal Grant program.

AB 26 (Donnelly) Illegal Immigrants – This bill would prohibit public officials and agencies from adopting a policy that limits or restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws or that restricts the sharing of a person's immigration status. The bill would allow any person to bring an action against an entity to enforce these provisions. Major provisions of the bill include:

- Prohibition against employers who knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien.
- Creation of a process for persons to file complaints of violations of these provisions with the Attorney General or a district attorney.
- Development of a new misdemeanor for anyone who makes a false and frivolous complaint alleging a violation of these provisions by an employer.

- Provides for the investigation of these complaints and consequences, including the suspension of certain licenses, for employers that violate these provisions.
- Requires every employer to verify the employment eligibility of employees through the federal E-Verify program.
- Requires employers to participate in the federal E-Verify program in order to be eligible for economic development incentives.

Comments: Because this bill would impose new duties on local governments and district attorneys, it would impose a state-mandated local program. As employers the community colleges would be required to comply with these provisions.

AB 63 (Donnelly) Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Fees – This bill would amend state law to conform to federal law by granting a member of the Armed Forces, or his or her dependent, entitlement to resident classification; thus, these students would be eligible for resident registration and tuition fees at the California Community Colleges and the California State University. The bill specifically prohibits undocumented members of the Armed Forces from this entitlement, and requests that the Regents of the University of California establish the same residency requirements as those contained in AB 63.

Comments: To the extent that AB 63 would require community college districts to revise their procedures for calculating enrollment fees for students, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The segments do not know how many student veterans would benefit from this bill, but each segment would incur revenue losses from the reduced fee payments. These losses could grow over time as awareness grows of this benefit. A similar bill, AB 2159 (Anderson) of 2010, was held in the Assembly Suspense File. The early versions of AB 2159 contained language regarding illegal immigrants; however, the final version of AB 2159 did not reference this issue.

AB 2 (Portantino) Postsecondary Education: Accountability – This bill would require the state to establish a 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. CPEC will serve as the repository for the collection of data for the framework and for making data broadly available. The segments would submit specified data to CPEC on or before May 31, 2012, and by May 31st biennially thereafter. Commencing August 1, 2012, and biennially thereafter, CPEC would submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report on the data collected from the postsecondary segments. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) would convene a Technical Advisory Committee that would coordinate the technical specifications of the data needed to address the key issues of accountability. The LAO would also be responsible for assessing the data compiled by CPEC and making policy and budgetary recommendations in a report to the Legislature on or before December 30, 2012, and each even-numbered year thereafter. The Governor would convene a task force by January 1, 2012 to review the framework proposed by this bill and recommend changes.

Comments: Previous legislation on this topic includes AB 218 (Portantino) of 2010 which was held in Senate Suspense File, SB 325 (Scott) of 2008, and SB 1331 (Alpert) 2004. Both SB 325

and SB 1331 were vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger because they did not contain incentives and penalties.

AB 91 (Portantino) Community Colleges: Student Financial Aid – This bill requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs. It also requires the Chancellor to provide specified information to the Legislative Analyst's Office, which the office would be required to use to report to the Legislature on the results of the program, and make recommendations for statewide expansion of the pilot program.

Community College Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011.

Report from the Accreditation Task Force: by Jack Scott

Chancellor Scott provided a brief overview of task force activities since June 2009. He stated that a nominating committee will nominate members of the ACCJC but the institutions that are part of the ACCJC will vote on who the representative will be. Also any 10 CEO's can place a nominee on the ballot if folks are not happy with whom the nominees are. The RP Group did a study of the Accreditation Committee and their findings were similar to the finding of the Accreditation Task Force.

The Consultation Council was asked to provide direction to the task force on what the next steps should be. It was suggested that the focus be on substantive issues, who is on the commission and how they are trained.

Student Success Task Force Update: by Jack Scott

The first meeting of the Student Success Task Force took place on January 19, 2011.

Hands Across California: by Paul Lanning

Paul Lanning, President/CEO of the Foundation for California Community Colleges spoke to the Consultation Council about the Hands Across California event. This event is taking place on April 17th, 2011. This event is being organized to help raise the remaining funds for the Osher Grant.

Student Senate Update: by Alex Pader and Glyn Owens

Alex Pader, President of the Student Senate reported that the Student Senate fully supports and will be participating in the Hands Across California. The March in March is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011 and the Spring General Assembly is scheduled for April 1-3, 2011.