



The Consultation Council

February 17, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Theresa Tena, Jeff Spano, Dean Murakami, Michelle Underwood, Barry Russell, Rita Mize, Hazel Hill, Jonathan Lightman, Dan Troy, Marlene Garcia, Leslie Smith

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the January 20, 2011 meeting.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy (1 handout)

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy updated Consultation Council on the budget.

1. The State Assembly and Senate are not interested in a census date change.
2. Reduction are inevitable
3. Looks like there will be an increase in fees
4. There is a proposed cut of \$400 million to community colleges, if fees are increased from \$26 per unit to \$36 per unit the cut would be reduced to \$290 million. The money raised from the increase in fees would be used to offset some of the cuts.
5. Senator Mark Leno asked the LAO to come up with options if the tax revenue doesn't pass. One of the recommendations is an additional cut of \$4.8 billion to Proposition 98.

Chancellor Scott spoke about the budget also.

1. Colleges should focus on basic skills, transfer, and career technical education.
2. Encouraged colleges to think about their worst case scenario plans and to be transparent with staff and faculty.
3. Suggest moving some classes into community services.
4. Will ask for a workload reduction if community college budgets are cut by \$400 million.

Request for Exemption from the Fifty Percent Law: by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy discussed the exemption request. Mendocino-Lake and Compton requested exemption from the fifty percent law. At the time of the meeting the Chancellor's Office was reviewing the claims to decide what their recommendation to the Board would be. Members of Consultation Council would like to see more information and asked what the

districts are claiming. The districts are claiming unforeseen hardship because ARRA funding is running out.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia

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

AB 288 (Fong) Community Colleges: Student Expulsion – This bill would authorize the governing board or designee(s), of a district to deny, permit, or place conditions on the enrollment of a student applicant who has been expelled from a community college within the preceding 5 years. Further, AB 288 would grant districts authority to request pertinent discipline related information from other collegiate institutions and mandates a response within 5 days. Finally, AB 288 requires a student who has been expelled from a collegiate institution within the preceding 5 years to inform the district at the time of application; failure to do so will be considered by the governing board or designee at the time of the hearing.

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 5%. The bill would increase the community colleges annual statutory growth rate calculation. Currently, the law requires that we receive growth to accommodate new students based on two factors: 1) The year-to-year percentage change in California's adult population; and 2) the statewide unemployment rate above 5% and capped at 2%. This bill would amend statute by removing the 2% cap.

AB 331 (Brownley) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2012, a state general obligation bond act that would provide funds to construct and modernize education facilities, to become operative only if approved by the voters at the next statewide general election, and to provide for the submission of the bond act to the voters at that election.

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.

Board of Governors Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011.

Federal Update

1. Thanked everyone who was able to participate in the ACCT National Summit in Washington D.C.
2. Social security, defense spending and Medicare/Medicaid are the big issues for the federal government.

3. There is a proposal to cut the Pell grant by 15 percent. This cut would reduce the Pell grant by \$845 per student. Currently the Pell grant amount is \$5,500.

Transfer Degree/SB 1440 Implementation Update: by Jane Patton and Erik Skinner

This item was placed on the agenda to answer any questions and to give an update.

1. Three transfer model curriculums (psychology, sociology, and communications) were sent out to the community colleges.
2. Math, criminal justice and kinesiology/physical education are being vetted.
3. CSU brought forward a legal opinion that addressed how much priority should be given to SB 1440 degree holders.
 - a. Impacted CSU campuses. If two students are coming from outside the area CSU doesn't feel they have to give priority to the student with the SB 1440 degree. The community college implementation committee raised serious concerns about this issue. CSU committee members will go back and look at the concerns and try to come up with a fix.
 - b. Both Chancellors have talked and will try to find a solution within the SB 1440 legislation. They want to avoid the legislative route because that could cause a delay and could poison the relationship between the two systems.

Student Success Task Force/SB 1143 Update: by Jack Scott

The first two meeting of the Student Success Task Force looked at what the group intends to accomplish. The next meeting will look at what the focused intentions will be.

Update on the Prerequisites Proposal to the Board of Governors: by Jack Scott

Vice Chancellor Barry Russell and Melinda Nish, CIOCCC Representative to the Consultation Council, will host a webinar on February 24 and 25, 2011 to go over safeguards and content review. Based on feedback from the field everyone may not have read and understood what is being proposed. CIO and CSSO are invited.

Student Senate Update: by Alex Pader

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

1. The Student Senate officially endorsed the prerequisite changes at the last meeting.
2. The Student Senate General Assembly will be April 1-3, 2011.
3. The March in March is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011
4. Thanked San Francisco City College for their donation of \$30,000

Other:

- a. **Parcel Tax** – No changes have been made to the parcel tax item. The plan is to go forward as is to the Board of Governors.
- b. **Public Service Announcements (PSAs)** – Ron Norton Reel, President of CCA and CCA/CTA Representative on the Consultation Council reported that 30 PSAs have been recorded for TV and radio stations. The name of the campaign is *Did you know? Now you know*. The PSA announcements will begin airing in a few weeks.