The Consultation Council

October 20, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X Dowd, Bonnie Ann   X Neault, Lynn   X Rowe, Randy
   Feliciano, Kevin     X Nish, Melinda   X Shedd, Daniel
   Friedlander, Carl    X O’Connor, Kevin  X Smith, Beth
X Frisch, Dennis      X Ortiz, Jose
X Hansen, Richard     X Payan, Manuel   Bruckman, Steve
X Hendrickson, John   X Pilati, Michelle  Scott, Jack
X Lay, Scott          X Ramon, Diana   Skinner, Erik
X Mann, Jeanette      X Reel, Ron Norton

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Dean Murakami, Jenny Lu, Sally Montemayor Lenz, DeWayne Sheaffer, Will Bruce, Rita Mize, Michelle Underwood, Monica Souza, Theresa Tena, Mark MacDonald, Bonnie Slosson, Michael Magee, Jeffrey Fang, Leslie Smith

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council approved the revised summary from the August 18, 2011 meeting. Consultation Council approved the September 15, 2011 meeting summary.

Community College Association Commercials: by Ron Norton Reel
Ron Norton Reel, President CCA, shared four commercials with Consultation Council. The “Did You Know” commercials provide information on the California community colleges.

Status of the Student Success Task Force: by Steve Bruckman and Melinda Nish
It was reported that the recommendations from the Student Success Task Force are being vetted around the state. Vice Chancellor Dan Troy reported that the Senate hearing on October 19 went well and that there were questions about the implementation of the recommendations.

Ron Norton Reel, CCA/CTA representative to the Consultation Council passed out CCA/CTAs response to the Student Success Task Force draft recommendations. Richard Hansen, CCCI representative to the Consultation Council passed out a resolution from CCCI regarding the draft recommendations of the SSTF.

Several members of the Consultation Council provided feedback on the draft recommendations. Concern was expressed over several issues including funding, foster care, counseling and categoricals.

The draft recommendations and a scheduled of upcoming meetings is available at the following link: http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/TaskForceonStudentSuccess/tabid/1894/Default.aspx

For further information or questions, contact Njeri Griffin or (916) 445-8508.
**Faculty Obligation Number:** by Dan Troy  
Vice Chancellor Dan Troy reported that the Chancellor’s Office will recommend that the Board of Governors does not increase the full-time faculty obligation number for 2011-12 based on the 2011-12 Budget.

Consultation Council discussed the ability of districts to meet the increase in FON when the time comes. There were concerns that the increase may be too high since there has been no FON increase since 2008. Consultation Council also expressed concern over not being provided enough information on various issues that come before them, not just the FON. There was also a request to have a “brush up” on the FON about a meeting or two before it is actually discussed and to have information about what is going on with the audit on teaching in laboratories.

**State Budget Update:** by Dan Troy  
Vice Chancellor Dan Troy reported that the Legislative Analyst Office will come out with the economic forecast in November and this information will be available to the Director of the Department of Finance when she decides on the economic triggers. The Chancellor’s Office is keeping an eye on state revenues and so far the revenues are below projections.

**Government Relations Update:** by Marlene Garcia  
Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated the Consultation Council on state and federal legislative activity. She reported that all of the Board sponsored bills, AB 743 (Block), AB 1056 (Fong) and AB 194 (Beall) were signed by the Governor.

**AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011** – This bill becomes effective January 1, 2012. This bill requires that AB 540 students are eligible to receive a scholarship derived from non-state funds, and provides community colleges from the imposition of any award of money damages, tuition refunds or waivers, or other retroactive relief if the courts should find these provisions to be unlawful.

**Location:** AB 130 was signed by the Governor, Chapter 93, Statutes of 2011.  
**Position:** Support

**AB 131 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid** – This bill provides that AB 540 students are eligible to apply for and participate in, any student financial aid program administered by the State of California to the full extent permitted by federal law. Students eligible under these provisions are not eligible to receive Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards unless specific conditions are met.

**Location:** AB 131 passed was signed by the Governor, Chapter 604, Statutes of 2011.  
**Position:** Support

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AB 636 (Knight) Military Service: Veterans Benefits – This bill eliminates the requirement that a student withdraw by a specified date in order to receive a refund of fees paid in the event that the student is called to services.

Location: Assembly Bill 636 was signed by the Governor, Chapter 293, Statutes of 2011.  
Position: Support

AB 882 (Cook and Blumenfield) Priority Enrollment for Veterans – This bill brings California into compliance with federal law. This bill entitles members of the armed forces or their dependents to resident status when they are stationed in the state on active duty, and they continue in that status as long as they remain continuously enrolled in a public institution of higher education.

Location: Assembly Bill 882 was signed by the Governor, Chapter 730, Statutes of 2011  
Position: Support

SB 813 (Veterans Affairs Committee) Priority Enrollment for Veterans – This bill amends statute to increase the total time period for a veteran student, who is a California resident, to receive priority registration from two years to four years after leaving active duty.

Location: Senate Bill 813 was signed by the Governor, Chapter 375, Statutes of 2011  
Position: Support

Student Senate Update: by Daniel Shedd and Jenny Lu  
The Consultation Council was updated on the upcoming events of the Student Senate.

Other:
   a. On November 16, approximately 10-12 students at City College of San Francisco will be debating the Student Success Task Force draft recommendations.