



The Consultation Council

August 18, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Theresa Tena, Michael Magee, Leslie Smith, LeBaron Woodyard, Jonathan Lightman, Rita Mize, Monica Souza, Dean Flores, Rosa de Anda, Mary Meuel, Justin Salenik, Stephanie Puentes, Marlene Garcia, Linda Michalowski, Van Ton-Quinlivan, Paul Feist, Paige Marlatt-Dorr, Barry Russell, Shauwn Brooks, Shaine Johnson, Julie Adams, Dan Troy, Susan Bray, Rich Copenhagen

Retreat: The Consultation Council held their retreat on the morning of Thursday, August 18, 2011. Chancellor Jack Scott welcomed everyone and spoke about the purpose of the Consultation Council, California's fiscal crisis, the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office.

Ron Norton Reel, CCA/CTA, led a very successful icebreaker for the retreat.

Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman spoke about the Consultation Council process and reviewed the Consultation Council handbook with everyone.

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia discussed the legislative process and the role of Consultation in this process.

Scott Lay, CCLC and Jonathan Lightman, FACCC, spoke about working together on matters that unite and divide the Consultation Council.

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the June 16, 2011, meeting summary.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy spoke to the Consultation Council about triggers in the 2011-12 state budget that will be activated if state revenue projections fall short of expectations. The triggers will implement further cuts to the community college budget and increase student fees to \$46 per unit.

2012-13 System Budget Request: by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy discussed this item with Consultation Council. This item will go forward to the Board for approval in September. There is consensus on the budget request. The budget request is asking for restoration of categorical programs, a cost of living adjustment (COLA), and growth funding.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated the Consultation Council on state and federal legislative activities.

She stated that the Legislature is interested in the work of the student success task force and she reviewed the following bills:

AB 1029 (Lara) Stand Alone Course Approval – This bill will extend the authority provided to community college districts to approve instructional courses that are not a part of established educational programs by one year. These courses are known as “stand-alone” courses because they fall outside the traditional groupings of credit courses that culminate in degrees. Examples of these courses include: Literacy Skills I, Fundamentals of Fiber Optics, Piping Systems, Soil Testing and Inspection, etc. The courses are part of a new sequence that are not yet part of the academic program but could be included in the future.

Location: AB 1029 was signed by the Governor, Chapter 112, Statutes of 2011.

Position: Sponsor/Support

AB 743 (Block) Common Assessment – This bill establishes a statewide common assessment system to place community college students in English, Mathematics, and English as a Second Language courses, and creates a pre-test application where students can take practice tests so that they are better prepared for their assessments and can consequently take transfer level courses sooner. Recent amendments also state that the provisions are contingent upon receipt of state, federal or philanthropic funding.

Location: AB 743 passed the Assembly and Senate Committee on Education, and was heard in the Senate Committee on Appropriations and placed on the Suspense File.

Position: Sponsor/Support

AB 1056 (Fong) Electronic Transcripts – This bill would create an incentive for community colleges to utilize electronic transcripts by December 2012. AB 1056 expedites the process of converting from paper-based transcripts to an electronic based system by leveraging one-time external funding to support initial start-up costs. Implementation of this bill is contingent upon receipt of federal funds or outside philanthropic grants.

AB 194 (Beall) Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Enrollment: Foster Youth – This bill would require the California State University and California Community College districts, and requests the University of California, to grant priority registration for enrollment to foster youth or former foster youth. The bill defines foster youth as any person currently in foster youth care and former or emancipated foster youth up to age 24. This bill would impose a state mandated cost.

Location: AB 194 passed the Assembly and Senate Committee on Education, and was heard in the Senate Committee on Appropriations and placed on the Suspense File.

Position: Support

AB 684 (Block) Community College Districts: Trustee Elections – This bill authorizes a community college district to change to a trustee area election system through a waiver process. The bill requires a district to secure a board resolution supporting the change and approval of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. The bill includes a legislative mandate that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca CCD implement a trustee area election.

Location: AB 684 passed the Assembly and Senate Committee on Appropriations and was referred to the Senate Floor.

Position: Support

SB 292 (Padilla) Community Colleges: Transfers – This SB 292 requires the community colleges to accept course credit from other campuses. This practice is commonly referred to as reciprocity. Implementation of reciprocity among all 112 community college campuses contains significant costs and is a state mandate.

Location: SB 292 passed the Senate and Assembly Committee on Higher Education, and was heard in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations and placed on the Suspense File.

Position: Support

AB 372 (Hernandez) Public Postsecondary Education – This requires the community colleges, as part of the matriculation process, to provide academic credit for prior college-level learning gained through military training. The bill requires prior learning assessment be determined by relevant faculty and related equivalent educational credit awarded that meets the standards of the American Council on Education (ACE), Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, or other equivalent standards for awarding academic credit. The colleges are required to implement these provisions only to the extent that reimbursement for the assessment is provided by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs or any other federal act establishing veteran’s education benefits.

Location: AB 372 passed the Assembly and was heard in the Senate Committee on Appropriations and placed on the Suspense File.

Position: Support, if amended

Vice Chancellor Garcia also discussed:

1. The Little Hoover Commission:
 - a. Will meet on August 24, in Sacramento, to continue their discussion on community college reform
2. Bills by Senators Alquist, Liu, and Yee on executive compensation.
3. The closure of the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC):
 - a. All three segments of education are looking at what should be done with CPECs database, and where to house the Improving Teacher Quality Program.
 - b. The Legislative Analyst Office possibly moving into CPECs role.

Federal Update

The federal government increased the debt ceiling by \$400 billion and will increase it by another \$500 billion if federal spending is cut by \$1.5 trillion.

Trade Assistance Adjustment (TAA) Grants are safe for 2011-12. The grant recipients will be announced in September.

Community college campuses worked hard to be in compliance with the gainful employment regulations. The deadline was July 1, 2011

Revisions to the Disciplines List: by Beth Smith

Beth Smith, Vice President of the Academic Senate discussed this item with Consultation Council. The revisions were included in the digest.

There was a question about military studies. Military studies is for individuals who come out of or are currently in the military who want to go into leadership jobs within the military or with contracted organizations who do work for the military. The program has a military management focus.

Update on the Student Success Task Force: by Jack Scott and Erik Skinner

Chancellor Scott reported that the Student Success Task Force dealt with 22 recommendations at their meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. The group reached consensus on approximately three-fourths of the recommendations. The task force will release a draft of their report in September that will go out to the field for feedback. A report will go before the Board of Governors in January and will be presented to the Legislature in March 2012.

Instructional Materials Fees: by Erik Skinner and Barry Russell

This was presented to give the Consultation Council background information on what is happening with instructional materials fees. There have been several newspaper articles on the subject. A task force of 20 representatives met on July 18, 2011 to discuss instructional materials fees. The task force determined that the practice at Foothill-DeAnza College meets the requirements for charging fees and the current policy on fees needs to be reviewed.

A workgroup will be created to look into the fee policy and updating the language for title 5 where it talks about learning tools.

Student Senate Update: by Daniel Shedd and Rich Copenhagen

Daniel Shedd, Vice President of the Student Senate spoke to the Consultation Council. He stated that the new Student Senate is committed to working together and being a positive influence in the shared governance process.

Rich Copenhagen announced that the General Assembly will be held in San Jose from November 4-6 and the March in March is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012. He also stated that the Student Senate supports Proposition 1481 oil severance fee.