



The Consultation Council

September 15, 2011

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Rita Mize, Dan Troy, Julie Adams, Lynette Nyaggah, Michael Magee, Theresa Tena, Linda Michalowski, Susan Bray, Michelle Underwood, Dean Murakami, Jonathan Lightman, John Means, Monica Souza, Barry Russell, Marlene Garcia, Leslie Smith, LeBaron Woodyard, Bonnie Slosson

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the August 18, 2011, meeting summary. The summary will be revised to include information on the August 18, 2011, retreat.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy spoke to the Consultation Council the state budget. He reported that the Legislature approved deferring the tier one trigger to increase fees from \$36 per unit to \$46 per unit.

He also reported that at the September 2011 board meeting, the Board of Governors adopted the system budget request.

The System is requesting restoration of categorical programs, a cost of living adjustment (COLA) and work load reduction restoration.

Members of Consultation asked about the impact of fees if the tier 1 trigger is pulled and the likelihood of the tier 1 or 2 trigger being pulled. Vice Chancellor Troy stated that the impact of the trigger would not be a big marginal impact and that everyone should be cautious and not surprised if the trigger/s are pulled.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia

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

She stated that the Legislature adjourned late Friday night and approved several bills of significance to community colleges.

She reviewed the following bills with Consultation Council:

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.

Location: AB 1056 passed the Assembly and Senate and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

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, and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

Position: Sponsor/Support

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.

Location: AB 194 passed the Assembly and Senate, and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

Position: Support

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 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, and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

Position: Support

SB 292 (Padilla) Community Colleges: Transfers – SB 292 language was completely removed and amended with new language regarding a Los Angeles sports stadium.

AB 130 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2011 – This bill would provide persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition eligibility for student financial aid.

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

Position: Support

AB 131 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid – This bill changes existing law to require the establishment of procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to apply for, and participate in, all student financial aid programs administered by the state of California and higher education segments to the full extent permitted by federal law, except for Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards unless funding remains available after all eligible California students who are not exempt receive Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards.

Location: AB 131 passed the Senate and Assembly, and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

Position: Support

AB 288 (Fong) Community Colleges: Student Expulsion – This bill authorizes a community college governing board to deny, permit, or place conditions on the enrollment of an individual who has been expelled from a community college within the preceding 5 years, or who is undergoing expulsion procedures. The bill grants authority to request pertinent discipline-related information from other collegiate institutions and mandates a response within 5 days. A student who has been expelled from a collegiate institution within the preceding 5 years is required to inform the district at the time of application. The district governing board is required to hold a hearing before taking any action on such an individual.

Location: AB 288 passed the Assembly and Senate and was sent to the Governor for his signature.

Position: Support

Chancellor Jack Scott spoke about the oil severance tax. He stated that it would be very helpful for community colleges and that a petition is currently circulating and if enough signatures are collected it will be on the ballot.

Federal Update

President Obama has proposed a \$474 billion jobs bill. Embedded in this bill is \$5 billion for college modernization. Each state is guaranteed a minimum of \$2.5 million. California may receive more than that based on the number of students in the system.

Status of the Student Success Task Force: by Jack Scott and Erik Skinner

Chancellor Scott reported that the Student Success Task Force voted on items on September 14 and the task force is ready to put a draft of recommendations together. He reviewed some of the recommendation that will come forward. Those include:

1. Greater collaboration between K-12 and community colleges
2. Common Assessment

3. Support mechanisms
4. Enrollment priorities
5. Encouraging part-time students to become full-time students
6. Students declaring a major early

Member/s of the task force will go out and meet with various groups to get feedback. Everyone has been encouraged to hold meetings and/or group discussion and to send feedback into the task force website. Chancellor Scott stated that the task force would like to hear from everyone.

The task force will hold a town hall meeting in Northern and Southern California and a draft of the task force recommendations will be posted to their website in about one week. The website for the task force is: <http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/TaskForceonStudentSuccess/tabid/1894/Default.aspx>

Student Senate Update: by Kevin Feliciano and Daniel Shedd

Kevin Feliciano, President of the Student Senate spoke about the following items:

1. The SSCCC is working on a strategic plan.
2. The General Assembly will be November 4-6, in San Jose
3. The goals of the Student Senate related to the organizations purpose.
4. The Student Senate Council will be drafting a digest on the roles and duties related to ASO Advisor(s)
5. The march in March is scheduled for March 5 and the SSCCC is looking for speaker and sponsors.
6. The student senate will be represented on the instructional materials task force.