Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Theresa Tena, Julie Adams, Paul Feist, Marlene Garcia, Jeffrey Fang, Raemond Bergstorm-Wood, David Balla-Hawkins, Anna Arebedo, Joseph Fitzgerald, Susan Bray, Michelle Underwood, Sonia Ortiz-Mercado, Rhonda Mohr, Rita Mize, Leslie Smith, Rosa DeAnda, Mary Meuel, Joshua Golka

Below is a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the January 19, 2012, Consultation Council meeting. Materials from this meeting can be found at:

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council approved the December 15, 2011 meeting summary.

Student Senate Update: by Kevin Sabo and James Varble
The Consultation Council was updated on the activities of the Student Senate.
1. The march in March will be held on March 5, 2012
2. Members of the Student Senate Council met with Assembly Speaker John Perez at their January 2012 meeting.
3. 21 members of the Student Senate Council attended the January 2012 Board meeting.
4. The Student Senate General Assembly is scheduled for April 27-29, 2012 in Ontario, CA.

State Budget Update: by Dan Troy
Vice Chancellor Dan Troy updated the Consultation Council on the Governor’s proposed budget
1. The state will start 2012-13 with a $9.2 billion budget deficit. $4.1 billion carried over from 2011-12.
2. The Governor will introduce a ballot initiative to raise taxes. If the initiative is approved by the voters there will be no cuts to California community colleges. However if the initiative fails there will be mid-year trigger cuts.
3. Funding the Proposition 98 guarantee at $52.5 billion. This is dependent on the ballot initiative being approved by voters.
4. Lowering Cal Grant awards.
5. Trigger cuts if the ballot initiative isn’t approved by voters: Proposition 98 $4.837 billion, UC and CSU - $400 million, Courts - $125 million, Forestry/Fire - $15 million, Fish and Game - $3.5 million, Parks - $2 million, DOJ - $1 million.

Vice Chancellor Troy stated that he is telling district to prepare for the trigger cuts. Chancellor Scott stated that the budget proposal by Governor Brown is only a proposal and changes will be made as it is vetted through the Legislature.

The state budget update brought up questions about the Student Success Task Force recommendations that will cost. Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner reminded everyone that not all student success task force recommendations require funding.

**Implementation of the Student Success Task Force (SSTF) Recommendations:** by Jack Scott, Erik Skinner and Marlene Garcia

Chancellor Scott began the discussion on this item. The recommendations from the Student Success Task Force were endorsed by the Board of Governors at their January 9, 2012 meeting. There are three ways to implement the recommendations from the SSTF.

1. Best Practices
2. Legislation
3. Regulatory

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia discussed the recommendations (2.2, 8.2, 3.2, 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3) that will require legislation.

Several members of the Consultation Council expressed the following concerns.

1. Additional cost to districts to implement recommendations in the current budget climate.
2. Making sure Consultation Council is involved in the vetting process.
3. Who the members of the implementation working groups are.
4. Budget priorities changing because of the SSTF recommendations.
5. Spot bills.

Chancellor Scott reminded Consultation Council of their role as an advisory body. He also stated that the SSTF recommendations have been discussed with the group over the past several months.

**Other:**

a. Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia briefly spoke about Advocacy Day.

b. **Board Fee Waiver:** by Jeff Spano and Rhonda Mohr

Rhonda Mohr, Financial Aid Specialist, Chancellor’s Office, spoke to the Consultation Council about changes to the BOG fee waiver. In the past if a student was able to demonstrate a need of one dollar they were entitled to a waiver of all their fees. The new policy requires students to demonstrate a need of $1,104.

Consultation Council would like this item to be placed on the February 2012 meeting agenda so that more information can be provided. Members also expressed concern over this item not being vetted through the Consultation Council before the new policy was sent out.
c. Executive Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner briefly spoke about the SSTF recommendations that will require regulatory change. Those recommendations are 3.1 enrollment policies; 2.5 declaration of program of study; and 2.4 districts expanded authority.