The Consultation Council  
October 17, 2013

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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X Benjamin, Helen  
X Bielenberg, Aaron  
X Copenhagen, Rich  
X Dowd, Bonnie Ann  
X Endrijonas, Erika  
X Gornik, Frank  
X Gularte, Mary Anne  
X Bielenberg, Aaron  
X Hansen, Richard  
X Lay, Scott  
X Mahler, Jim  
X Morse, David  
X Murakami, Dean  
X Nyagagah, Lynette  
X Ontiveros, Manny  
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X Payan, Manuel  
X Randall, Meridith  
X Smith, Beth  
X Bruckman, Steven  
X Harris, Brice  
X Skinner, Erik  

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Kathy Blackwood, Paul Feist, Dan Troy, Theresa Tena, Linda Michalowski, Rita Mize, Barry Russell, Van Ton-Quinlivan, LeAnn Fong-Batkin, Christopher Clifford, Roger Clague, LeBaron Woodyard, Brad Reynolds, Michael Yarber, Natalie Wagner, Ryan Ehlinnes, Lizette Navarette, Carmen Sandoval, Monica Souza, Mary Meuel

Below is a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the October 17, 2013, Consultation Council meeting in Sacramento. Materials from this meeting can be found at: http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/ConsultationCouncil/AgendasandSummaries/October2013.aspx

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Minor changes were made to the August 15, 2013, meeting summary.

Student Senate Update

The Student Senate report included information on:
1. The Student Senate General Assembly which will take place November 1-3, in Monterey, CA.
2. The march in March. The Student Senate is planning the march. The march will be focused on issues that are important to community college students.
3. The Student Senate is working with several organizations to develop legislation on CalWORKs.
4. Student Senate President Rich Copenhagen thanked everyone for their support on helping to get Assembly Bill 1358 (Fong) signed by the Governor Brown.

Follow up to the Consultation Council Orientation/Retreat

Chancellor Brice Harris addressed the issues raised by Consultation Council at the orientation/retreat held on August 14, 2013.

1. Is Consultation Council worthwhile? Chancellor Harris explained that he strongly believes the meetings are worthwhile and wants to make sure that nobody feels like their time is being

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wasted by attending the meetings. The contributions of the members of the Consultation Council are very important to him.

2. Providing materials on time so members can weigh in with meaningful conversation and feedback from their constituent groups. Chancellor Harris said there is no excuse for not getting materials out to everyone on time. He stated that the Chancellor’s Office is looking at the structure of the meeting to determine if the schedule should be changed.

3. The Consultation Council’s engagement in the legislative process. Chancellor Harris stated that last year was a transition year and said that there will be a more informed discussion on legislation this coming year.

4. Consultation Council needs to be proactive in addressing major issues. Chancellor Harris stated that he feels it’s important for Consultation Council weighs in before things go to the board but acknowledged that sometimes things will have to go to the board before coming to Consultation Council. However, the board will not be asked to take a position on something that has not been through the consultation process.

5. It’s important for vice-chancellors to attend Consultation Council regularly. Chancellor Harris explained that the vice chancellors are busy with various activities, and it’s not always possible to attend. VC’s will try to be present in the building on Consultation days so they can attend as needed.

Chancellor Harris also asked Consultation Council to never assume that he doesn’t value their input.

**Full Time Faculty Obligation Number**

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy discussed the history of the faculty obligation number over the past several years with Consultation Council. There has been no increase to the faculty obligation number since 2008-09. The Chancellor’s Office will recommend that the Board of Governors approves an increase in the faculty obligation number for fall 2014. There was a general consensus in favor of this recommendation.

There was an extended discussion of this topic. One suggestion was stabilizing the faculty obligation rate during bad budget years so ground is not lost. Some members questioned the accuracy of the numbers. This is a complicated issue partly based on numbers first established many years ago, leading to current inequities among districts. There was a general consensus that some policy changes may need to be explored. Staff will report back on possible approaches.

**Board of Governors Fee Waiver**

This item was pulled from the September agenda because several groups expressed concerns over the regulations. The updated regulations include an exception for extenuating circumstances for specified groups of students, and key dates have been pushed back to give districts time to put implementation plans in place.
**State and Federal Legislative Update**

Government Relations Vice Chancellor Vince Stewart discussed the following legislation:

1. Assembly Bill 955 (Williams) Community College Intersessions Programs
2. Senate Bill 440 (Padilla) Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act
3. Assembly Bill 2302 (Fong, 2010) Transfer between California Community Colleges and the University of California.
4. Senate Bill 195 (Liu) State Goals
5. Assembly Bill 595 (Gomez) Community College Priority Enrollment
7. Senate Bill 490 (Jackson) Early Assessment Program: Common Core Academic Content Standards
8. Senate Bill 141 (Correa) College Education Benefits: Children of Deported Parents
9. Senate Bill 150 (Lara) Concurrent Enrollment

**State Legislative Program Task Force Update**

The Legislative Task Force reached general consensus on bringing the following items forward to the board for sponsorship in their legislative package. These items were discussed at the October 16, 2013, meeting of the task force.

1. Dual Enrollment
2. Professional Development
3. Continuous Appropriation
4. Stabilization Funding

**Interactive Resource Map: Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy Framework** *(PowerPoint)*

The report included information on:

1. The regional economies of California
2. Braiding funds
5. The interactive map that will provide information on the sector/deputy sector navigator for each region.

**Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Committee**

It was reported that this committee is being reorganized and if anyone is interested in participating the opportunity is still available.

**Other**

a. The Accreditation Task Force report is being finalized and will be presented to Chancellor Harris soon.

b. Vice Chancellor Barry Russell has accepted the position of President at Los Positas Community College. He will begin in January.