Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X Beam, Linda
X Benjamin, Helen
X Bielenberg, Aaron
X Dowd, Bonnie Ann
X Endrijonas, Erika
X Gornik, Frank
X Hansen, Richard
X Angel Jimenez
X Lay, Scott
X Mahler, Jim
X Morse, David
X Murakami, Dean
X Nyaggah, Lynette
X Ontiveros, Manny
X Payan, Manuel
X Ramon, Diana
X Ramos, Irma
X Randall, Meridith
X Smith, Beth
X -- Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Brad Reynolds, Theresa Tena, Christopher Clifford, Natalie Wagner, Vincent Stewart, Rita Mize, Lizette Navarette, LeAnn Fong-Batkin, Ryan McElhinney, Carmen Sandoval, Michael Magee, Mary Meuel, Tristan Brown, Linda Michalowski, Dan Troy, Jonathan Lightman, Mikhail Chernyavsky, Van Ton-Quinlivan, Monica Souza, Sarah Tyson, Mark MacDonald

Below is a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the March 20, 2014, Consultation Council meeting in Sacramento. Materials from this meeting can be found at: http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/ConsultationCouncil/AgendasandSummaries/March2014.aspx

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There were no changes to the February 20, 2014, meeting summary.

Student Senate Update
The Student Senate report included information on the following:
1. The March in March which took place on Monday, March 3, 2014, was successful.
2. The upcoming Spring 2014 General Assembly on May 2-4, 2014 in Los Angeles, CA.

State and Federal Legislative Update
Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart discussed the following legislation:
1. Assembly Bill 1451 (Holden) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School (Sponsor) which will be reviewed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 1, 2014.
2. Assembly Bill 2558 (Williams) Community Colleges: Faculty and Staff Development (Sponsor) which will be reviewed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 22, 2014.
3. Senate Bill 965 (Leno) San Francisco Community College District: Stabilization Funding
4. Senate Bill 850 (Block) Community College Districts: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

In regards to federal legislative updates, Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart reported briefly on the President’s 2015 Budget Request. The budget request provides full funding for Pell Grant and provides new proposals surrounding workforce development and job training.

For further information or questions, contact Clarissa Rangel or (916) 445-8508.
Members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over Senate Bill 965 (Leno). Some members were concerned whether or not other districts will lose funding and the need for external oversight by the state.

Faculty Obligation Number
Vice Chancellor Dan Troy provided the Consultation Council with a background on the origin of the faculty obligation number (FON) and its intended use. According to Vice Chancellor Dan Troy, the FON originates from Assembly Bill 1725 which was signed in 1988 with a goal for percentage of hours taught by full-time faculty at 75 percent.

Several members of Consultation Council agreed that a task force should be created to bring the FON numbers up to address the equity issue. Rather than creating a task force, a list of principles will be drafted to determine the prioritization of annual funding for future budgets. FON will be added to the April 17, 2014 Consultation Council agenda for discussion.

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy also provided the Consultation Council with a budget update.

1. Budget subcommittees have scheduled their major hearings for community colleges in April.
   a. The Assembly subcommittee will meet on April 2, 2014.
   b. The Senate subcommittee will meet on April 24, 2014.
2. One-time revenue is expected to be increased as a result of Proposition 98.
3. The Legislature has asked questions about the 3 percent growth proposal and whether the California Community Colleges system can grow that fast.
4. The Assembly is interested in increasing Career Technical Education (CTE) funding.

Some members of Consultation Council expressed that student equity plans have been neglected for a long time and there is a need to update these plans in order to spend student equity funds. According to Vice Chancellor Linda Michalowski, student success plans are due in November 2014. Members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over budget match requirements when districts’ budgets have yet to be restored. In regards to the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP), Vice Chancellor Linda Michalowski reported that the budget proposal will maintain 3:1 for the first $100 million, 2:1 for the next $100 million and 1:1 for remaining funds. She will report back to Consultation Council at the April 17, 2014 meeting with an update on proposed regulations.

California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Study Group Report
Chancellor Brice W. Harris reported that Senator Marty Block, author of Senate Bill 850 has asked the Chancellor’s Office for advice and counsel on revising the bill’s language. The proposed legislation is expected to be more limited and will require more conversations with the University of California and California State University systems. Chancellor Brice W. Harris also reported that a baccalaureate degree in applied sciences will likely be offered instead of the traditional baccalaureate degree.

Based on feedback from members of Consultation Council, there continues to be some differences among institutional groups regarding the proposal. Members expressed concerns over how practical the pilot would be in terms of implementation and funding. Chancellor Brice W. Harris requested that members of Consultation Council send him any resolutions they may have to be presented to the Board of Governors at a later date.
Quality Education
Consultation Council ACBO Representative Bonnie Ann Dowd and Academic Senate Representative Beth Smith reported that their presentation at the 2014 Association of California Community Colleges Administrators (ACCCA) Annual Conference titled, *Hitting “QE2”: A Quality Educational Experience for California Community Colleges in the 21st Century was successful*. They will make a presentation on the challenges of Quality Education at the ACBO Spring Conference which will be held on May 19-21, 2014. Beth Smith suggested that members of Consultation Council develop individual workgroups to discuss recurring items on the agenda related to quality education.

Some members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over developing individual workgroups for agenda items that are interrelated. They believe that individual workgroups may not be as effective and suggested a more comprehensive group be developed.

Enrollment Priority Regulations
Vice Chancellor Linda Michalowski reported that over a year ago, the Board of Governors adopted regulations to set statewide enrollment priority as a result of the Student Success Task Force recommendations. There are three levels of enrollment priority: statutory, regulatory and all other students who meet the requirements for new and returning students. The adopted legislation added EOPS, DSPS and CalWORKs students. She also reported that the Board of Governors recently adopted regulations on the Board of Governors fee waiver which requires students to remain in good academic standing. However, the decision was made to exempt foster youth from loss of fee waiver eligibility. According to Vice Chancellor Linda Michalowski, there is a proposal to apply the same regulations for the fee waiver to the enrollment priority regulations. She will provide members of Consultation Council with the proposed regulations at the next meeting on April 17, 2014.