Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X Beam, Linda
   Benjamin, Helen

X Bielenberg, Aaron

X Dowd, Bonnie Ann
   Endrijonas, Erika
   Gornik, Frank

X Hansen, Richard
X Angel Jimenez

X Lay, Scott
   Mahler, Jim

X Morse, David

X Murakami, Dean
X Nyaggah, Lynette
X Ontiveros, Manny

X Ramos, Irma

X Randell, Meridith

X Smith, Beth

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X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Brad Reynolds, Ron Travenick, Michelle Goldberg, Julia Blair, Theresa Tena, Susan Bray, Linda Michalowski, Christopher Clifford, Michelle Underwood, Natalie Wagner, Vincent Stewart, Rita Mize, Lizette Navarette, LeAnn Fong-Batkin, Terrie Hubbard, John Martin, Frederick Harris

Below is a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the January 23, 2014, Consultation Council meeting in Sacramento. Materials from this meeting can be found at:

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There were no changes to the November 21, 2013 meeting summary.

Student Senate Update
The Student Senate report included information on:
1. The Student Senate is continuing to work on the CalWORKs bill. They are looking for an assembly member or senator to help sponsor the bill.
2. Assembly Bill 1358 (Fong) implementation is going as planned.
3. The status of Assembly Bill 13 (Block).
4. The Student Senate General Assembly which will be held the beginning of May 2014.
5. The external affairs committee is planning for the march in March on Monday, March 3, 2014. The theme this year will be “Classroom to the Capitol”.

Budget Update
Vice Chancellor Dan Troy provided the Consultation Council with an update on the 2014-2015 governors’ budget. With the increase in revenue generated by Proposition 30, the governor proposes the following:
1. The general fund budget for the state of California will be approximately $109 billion.
2. The majority of the general fund increase will be going into Proposition 98.
The update also provided budget highlights as related to the California Community Colleges, which included the following:

1. Three percent for additional access which is about $155 million dollars.
2. The governor does fund a statutory limited COLA of 0.86 percent.
3. $100 million for the Student Success and Support Program for its statutory allocation. Additionally, $100 million will fund campus Student Equity Plans.
4. $175 million will fund structural maintenance and instructional equipment.
5. $2.5 million is provided to fund local technical assistance to the districts.

Lastly, the update provided information on the following:

1. The governor expressed his concerns surrounding the state’s debt, specifically CalSTRS’ obligations.
2. The governor is going to propose a ballot initiative which will alter the state’s Rainy Day Fund and Proposition 98.
3. There are no student fee increases proposed.

Members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over funds allotted to Student Equity Plans rather than categorical programs such as EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKs and Basic Skills. They also expressed concerns surrounding the need for more COLA for districts.

**State and Federal Legislative Update**

Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart discussed the following legislation:

1. Assembly Bill 1451 (Holden) Dual Enrollment in Secondary School (Sponsor)
   - There is no author to date for the bill proposal surrounding teacher professional development. There was no proposed funding for professional development in the 2014-2015 governors’ budget.
2. The Chancellor’s Office will continue conversations with the governor’s administration and Department of Finance to determine an appropriate way to use stabilization funding for the needs of California Community Colleges.
3. Senate Bill 850 (Block) Community College Districts: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart also discussed the issue surrounding the State Legislative Program Task Force. He would like to convene the task force group on a regular basis. There were no federal legislative updates.

Some members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over new task force having oversight beyond the Consultation Council and Board of Governors.

**Full Time Faculty Obligation Inequity Issue**

Consultation Council CCCT Representative Manny Ontiveros reported that there is no opposition to the Full-Time Faculty Obligation Number (FON), but the way it has been implemented is not fair. Similar districts have very different FONs due to their hiring patterns when the law took effect and how FON calculations have been handled in the following years.
Some members of the Consultation Council suggested that a workgroup be created to analyze FON disparities between districts. Chancellor Brice W. Harris would like further exploration of the issue and data before a workgroup is officially established. Further information will be presented at the Consultation Council meeting on March 20, 2014.

Other

a. Chancellor Brice W. Harris shared with members of Consultation Council their colleagues’ participation in the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Study Group. He also distributed the Report from the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Study Group to members of Consultation Council. He would like members to review the report and prepare to discuss it at the Consultation Council meeting on February 20, 2014.

b. Chancellor Brice W. Harris distributed the 2013 State of the System report to members of the Consultation Council. Some of the statistics within the report were discussed.

c. Chancellor Brice W. Harris acknowledged and thanked Steve Bruckman for his many years of service with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. He has accepted the position as General Counsel for City College of San Francisco.