Title: California Community College Accreditation Task Force

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Background

On June 26, 2014, the California State Auditor (State Auditor) issued an audit report entitled *California Community Colleges Accreditation: Colleges Are Treated Inconsistently and Opportunities Exist for Improvement in the Accreditation Process*. This audit report provided both a review of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and the accreditation process in general, as well as a more in-depth examination of recent events related to City College of San Francisco (CCSF). The report raised significant criticisms of the ACCJC and the accreditation process and made a number of recommendations to remedy the identified concerns. Since its release, the Consultation Council has discussed the report at several meetings.

Many of the State Auditor’s recommendations call on the Chancellor’s Office to engage ACCJC and attempt negotiate on behalf of the CCC system and the State of California for improvements in the accreditation process. Before meeting with ACCJC, the Chancellor’s Office is gathering input from community college stakeholders on these recommendations. Consultation Council is a primary venue for these internal discussions. In addition, Chancellor Harris has reconvened the Accreditation Task Force, consisting of CCC stakeholders, to provide input on the accreditation process, including the State Auditor’s recommendations.

Proposal

The Accreditation Task Force met on January 29, 2015, to discuss the issues referred to them by Chancellor Harris. This item will present an update on the Task Force and provide the Consultation Council with an opportunity for discussion.