



The Consultation Council

February 18, 2016

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

	Best, Trinda	X	Hansen, Richard	X	Payan, Manuel
X	Bruno, Julie		King, Brian		Recouvreur, Christopher
X	Chaniot, Janet	X	Mahler, Jim	X	Reynolds, Brad
	Chavarin, Victor	X	Malmgren, Irene		Salem, Dahlia
	Doughty, Corine		Mize, Rita		Suarez, Angelica
	Duncan, Willy	X	Morse, David		Suleski, Andy
X	Galatolo, Ron		Nishime, Jeanie	X	Vogel, Shaaron
X	Galizio, Larry	X	Nyaggah, Lynette	X	Harris, Brice W.
	Hamilton, Thomas		Stewart, Erik		

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: [Thuy Nguyen](#), [Jacob Knapp](#), [Vince Stewart](#), [Pamela Walker](#), [Dean Murakami](#), [Christopher Clifford](#), [Monica Souza](#), [Ian Walton](#), [LeAnn Fong-Batkin](#), [Jill Rice](#), [Sarah Tyson](#), [Alisa Messer](#), [Ashely Setoudeh](#), [Joanne Waddell](#)

State and Federal Legislative Update: update by Vince Stewart

Vice Chancellor of the Governmental Relations Vince Stewart provided an update on the most recent actions of the State Legislature and the Governor, as well as developments at the federal level.

State Legislative Update: Stewart elaborated on bills of interest regarding tuition, fees, and financial aid, and career technical education. Stewart was pleased about how well programs are doing in terms of preparation. A detailed list of bills of interest was provided to the Consultation Council.

Federal Update: California's community colleges are well positioned to be key players in working with federal government to continue the economic recovery by preparing a skilled workforce that meets the needs of a changing job market. This year the California Community Colleges have identified three critical federal advocacy issues: Reauthorize the Higher Education Act, increase funding for the Pell Grant program, and increase support for our community college veterans. The Council received detailed information on each issue.

Stewart also provided an update on the 2016 Community College National Legislative Summit which was attended by Board of Governors President Baum, Vice President Estolano, Board Member Malumed, former Board Member Baca and Chancellor's Office representatives.

Amicus Brief Request: update from Interim General Counsel Thuy Nguyen and Attorney Jacob Knapp

The Board of Governors and Chancellor have received a request to support an amicus brief in the *U.S. v. Texas* matter now pending before the United States Supreme Court. The National Immigration Law Center is also reaching out to California State University and University of California systems, as well as leaders from business, law enforcement, politics, faith-based groups and agriculture in an effort to demonstrate support for the amicus brief across various sectors in the State of California. The Chancellor has been asked to support an amicus brief in the case. The proponents of the amicus brief point out that California has much at stake in the outcome of *U.S. v. Texas* due to the size of the state and the size of our immigrant population. Current and future California community college students and their families may be significantly impacted by the outcome of this case. The Council discussed their support and requested to get support from their perspective groups.

Task Force on Accreditation: update by Vice Chancellor Pamela Walker

Vice Chancellor Pamela Walker updated the Consultation Council regarding ongoing matters dealing with accreditation. She reviewed the accreditation report that was accepted by the Board of Governors and the Board's endorsement of a new model for accreditation. The Board of Governors directed the Chancellor, working through the system's established consultation process, to bring to the March 2016 Board of Governors meeting: 1) A recommendation for action to establish a new model for an accrediting agency; and 2) An implementation plan, along with timeline. An Accreditation Task Force meeting was held after the Consultation Council meeting.

Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Handbook: update by Pamela Walker

The Academic Affairs Division has been working closely with the 15 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot colleges on issues related to the implementation of their baccalaureate programs as it relates to the requirements of title 5. The Chancellor's Office has determined the best way to help colleges implement their pilot program is to develop a handbook that colleges can use to ensure they are following legal requirements and best practices. The proposed regulations would incorporate the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Handbook by reference into title 5. This would give the provisions of the handbook the force of law, as if they were fully set forth within the text of title 5 itself. This handbook also allows the Chancellor's Office to respond quickly to baccalaureate degrees for the first time. The Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Handbook is still under development, but a [draft](#) and its [regulations](#) are attached for your reference and information.

Program and Course Handbook: update by Pamela Walker

The *Program and Course Approval Handbook, 6th Edition* was presented for the Council's review. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55000.5 requires that the Chancellor provide a handbook on course and program approval criteria for use by community college districts. Vice Chancellor Pam Walker believes this handbook will serve the system well. Chancellor Harris reminded the Consultation Council to let Vice Chancellor Walker know before the March Board of Governors meeting if there are any suggestion and/or changes to be made. This handbook version is organized into two major components: Part 1 covers credit curriculum and Part 2 covers noncredit curriculum.