



# The Consultation Council

March 17, 2016

## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

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

### X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: [Dan Troy](#), [Rhonda Mohr](#), [Scott Valverde](#), [Mike Magee](#), [Dean Murakami](#), [Christopher Clifford](#), [Monica Souza](#), [Howard Stahl](#), [Leann Fong-Batkin](#), [Brad Reynolds](#), [Jill Rice](#), [Gregg Atkins](#), [Fario Gonzalez](#), [Debra Connick](#)

### **Student Senate Update:** update by Dahlia Salem and Victor Chavarin

The Student Senate Report included information on the upcoming event “Advocacy in April” that will take the place of the “March in March” event this year. The students continue to explore strategies for collecting data about homeless students and allowing shower facilities usage in college campuses. Salem mentioned a potential partnership between Student Senate and Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. The Student Senate has the application for students to apply to serve on the Board of Governors.

### **Task Force on Accreditation:** update by Pamela Walker

The recent CEO retreat allotted three hours for discussion of accreditation, during which virtually every CEO weighed in. Following the discussion, a vote was held and 96% voted for a “fundamental change” to the current accreditation, which demonstrated the depth of concerns with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

### **Recommendations of the Workgroup on Regulations:** update by Dan Troy

Both the 50% Law and the Faculty Obligation Number (FON) regulations have caused difficulty for districts and colleges over the years. Following presentations and discussions led by Davis Morse, Willy Duncan, and Bonnie Dowd, Chancellor Harris encouraged the formation of the

Workgroup on California Community Colleges Regulations to address these issues. To ensure a balanced perspective in this work, Chancellor Harris appointed ten people to the Workgroup, including CEOs and other administrators, the System Office, the Statewide Academic Senate, and several statewide faculty unions. After a number of meetings and research, the Workgroup reached consensus on preliminary findings and recommendations.

Regarding the 50% Law. Since the law's enactment, the nature of education has expanded to include instructional technology and the roles of people who support students' education and success beyond the actual classroom, eg., counselors, librarians, tutors, and others. The Workgroup believes that these additional categories should be included in the compliance column of the 50% Law. If these recommendations are adopted, the next step will be for the Workgroup to develop a new percentage that will reflect the changes and permit maximum flexibility for our colleges and districts.

Regarding the FON. For many reasons, notably the unreliability of state investments for full-time faculty, economic recessions, and other impacts, the entire system has made little progress toward the 75% goal. The Workgroup suggests that the Board of Governors re-bench the FON, institute a local planning requirement for achieving the 75% goal over time, and request funding for this goal. If these recommendations are taken, the next step will be for the Workgroup to develop a detailed approach for these components.

Consultation Council all agreed on the proposal as it stands, but also recognize there are still some details to work out.

**Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Funding Formula:** update by Rhonda Mohr and Scott Valverde

The Student Services and Special Programs Division proposed changes to the funding allocation model in order to modernize the structure of the DSPS program. The proposed DSPS formula addresses several key areas of needed improvement related to equity, simplicity, workload reduction, budget management, cash flow, and proper alignment with title 5 regulations. Specifically, the Chancellor's Office will seek Board of Governors' approval of a new DSPS funding formula that incorporates; a Coordinator Funding Guarantee, a weighted College Effort component that calculates college effort as a percent of the DSPS budget, a new split of the state funding with 80% based on Weighted Student Count and 20% based on College Effort, a guarantee that no college will receive less than 90% of their previous year's allocation, new disability categories and new weights for each disability category. The formula will be based on data from two years prior to the funding year and will exclude secondary disabilities.

**State and Federal Legislative Update:** update by Mike Magee

Administrator of Governmental Relations Mike Magee provided an update on recent actions of the State Legislature and the Governor, as well as developments at the federal level.

State Legislative Update: Following the bill introduction deadline of February 19, 2016 coupled with the Legislature's Joint Rules which prohibit a bill to be heard or amended for 30 days after introduction, most of the bills recently introduced will not be heard until after the Legislature's Spring Recess that begins March 17 and ends March 28. The Legislature will have until April 22 to hear all bills that have a fiscal effect in the policy committee in the first house. A detailed list of Bills of Interest was provided to the Consultation Council.

Federal Update: Earlier this month members of the Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office, and the Community College League of California attended the Association for Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2016 National Legislative Summit (NLS) in Washington, D.C. to advocate on key higher education policy issues. This year's advocacy issues focused on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, the Pell Grant program and support for community college student veterans. The NLS was also an opportunity to showcase the Chancellor's Office recently released State of the System report and highlight the many student success efforts, including improvements in transfer, institutional effectiveness and workforce and career technical education. A detailed list of the Community Colleges Bills of Interest was provided to the Consultation Council.

**Other:**

*Award for Chancellor Brice Harris* – Faculty Association of California Community Colleges  
The Faculty Association of California Community College presented to Chancellor Brice Harris an award for empowering California Community Colleges to fulfill student dreams.