



The Consultation Council

January 21, 2016

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Dan Troy, Van Ton-Quinlivan Denise Noldon, Dean Murakami, Christopher Clifford, Thomas Ray, Joseph Koroma, Kim Hoffmans, Ronaldo Regino, Geisce Lu, Minh-Hua Ta, Richette Bell, Tem Anderson, Kate Alder, Paul Jarrell, Monica Souza, Akilah Moore, Carla Martinez, Andrew MacNeill, Jennifer Lindholm, Deidre Graham, Phil Hartley, Lynn Shaw, John Maverick

Student Senate Update: update by Dahlia Salem and Victor Chavarin

The Student Senate Report included information on the “March in March” to be held on March 7th in collaboration with the California Federation of Teachers. Salem announced asked anyone who is interested as being a speaker at the General Assembly to please contact her. The students are looking into the following two resolutions:

1. Collecting data about homeless students and allowing shower facilities usage in college campuses.
2. California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) resolution. Currently has two student representatives; it is proposed to add two more student seats.

Chavarin reminded Council members that students want to ensure a student representative is present on decision making in committees, specifically on the Chancellor Search Committee. During the January Board of Governors meeting, it was approved by President Baum for Student Member Hasun Khan to sit as the student representative on the Chancellor Search Committee.

2016-17 Governor’s Budget Proposal: update by Dan Troy

Council received an update from Vice Chancellor Dan Troy on Proposition 98 and the outlook for K-14 education for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Troy described the release of the January proposal as a big step, but only the first step on the road to a final budget. According to the Department of Finance, the outlook for K-14 education is positive, and the Governor’s proposal for the state puts a focus on paying down debts, addressing poverty, and climate change.

The Higher Education section of the Executive Summary focuses attention on key priorities of the Governor, specifically student success and program completion, the use of technology to improve efficiency and student outcomes, and improving time to degree. The highlights of the budget for the colleges were provided in detail to the Consultation Council. Troy commented that Governor Brown is also very concerned about the extent to which capital gains are fueling the state’s revenue increases as these funds provide a cushion in the event year’s revenues are not sustainable. Members of the Consultation commented and asked questions regarding the budget. Troy noted all numbers can change as the revenues will be revised in May before a final budget is likely passed in June.

Strong Workforce Implementation: update by Van Ton-Quinlivan

Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan announced that the Board of Governors unanimously adopted the 25 recommendations of California Community Colleges Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation, and a Strong Economy (Strong Workforce Task Force) during their Board meeting in November. Ton-Quinlivan invited Lynn Shaw, Philip Hartley, and John Makevich to join her with the description and presentation of this item. The 25 recommendations to strengthen workforce education throughout the 113 college system are built upon the groundwork established by the Student Success Initiative and Doing What MATTERS and the Economy, and represent the culmination of extensive input from more than 1,200 stakeholders during a nine-month period to identify recommended actions. The recommendations are grouped under seven areas: Student Success, Career Pathway, Workforce Data & Outcomes, Curriculum, CTE Faculty, Regional Coordination, and Funding. A detailed list of these recommendations was provided to the Consultation Council.

State Legislative Program Task Force Update: update by Vincent Stewart

Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart provided an update on the most recent actions of the State Legislature and the Governor, as well as a Federal Update.

State Legislative update: The Council was reminded that the Legislature was on recess from September 11, 2015, to January 4, 2016; the Governor introduced his budget January 7, 2016. Because the Legislature operates in a two-year session, many of last year’s bills are still viable. A detailed list of Bills of Interest was provided to the Consultation Council.

Federal update: The congressional committee hearing process for policy legislation and the federal budget moves at a much slower pace than the legislative process at the state level. As a result, the status of bills may not change for months. A detailed list of the Community Colleges Bills of Interest was provided to the Consultation Council.

For details and copies of any bill, please contact the Governmental Relations Division of the Chancellor’s Office or visit the Legislative Counsel’s website at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> or <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

Other:

Accreditation – Chancellor Brice Harris

Firstly, Chancellor Brice Harris expressed his appreciation to Vice Chancellor Denise Noldon for her work as Vice Chancellor of Student Services in the Chancellor's Office. Next, Chancellor Harris presented a new model of accreditation developed by the Accreditation Task Force under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Pam Walker. This new model of accreditation was approved by the Board of Governors in November 2015. Chancellor Harris explained that he will develop a more detailed action plan to bring to the Board of Governors at their March meeting; we will be getting a progressive update at the next Consultation Council meeting.

System Report – Chancellor Brice Harris

Chancellor Brice Harris announced the official release of the Student Success Scorecard – 2015 State of the System Report. The System Report reflects the continued progress of the California Community Colleges in serving its 2.1 million students, and identifies both the incredible accomplishments and areas that need further improvement. Chancellor Harris concluded that the California Community Colleges look ahead to the new year with great confidence, determined to build upon its past accomplishments while striving to meet the expectation of its staff, faculty and students that make the system great.