



Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

Table listing council members with attendance status (X) for each name.

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Brad Reynolds, Fabio Gonzalez, Omar Orihuela, Fran Chandler, Jill Rice, Monica Souza, Debra Connick, Mario Rodriguez, Geoffrey Baum, Thuy Nguyen

Student Senate Update: update by Dahlia Salem and Victor Chavarin

The Student Senate Report included information on three bills which passed (AB 2822, AB 1995, AB 2766) in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. In regards to the AB 798 grant program, the Student Senate is collaborating with 28 colleges for implementation. The General Assembly will take place in Ontario (April 29th – May 1st) with Assembly Member Jose Medina and State treasurer John Chiang as keynote speakers. The Student Senate discussed the possibility of having a new yearly advocacy event, and announced that the Voter Registration training was accompanied with prop 30 drives. The Board of Governors application is closed and currently in the process, and the CSAC application closes April 24th.

Administration of \$200M Strong Workforce Program: update by Van Ton-Quinlivan and Mario Rodriguez

The Chancellor's Office hosted 10 webinars regarding the trailer bill language and heard input from faculty leadership such as CEOs, CCLC, CIO Executive Committee, ASCCC, FACCC, and CCCAOE. The Strong Workforce Task Force put forth 25 recommendations to strengthen workforce education throughout the 113 college system with the goal of closing the skills gap that is a barrier to filling existing jobs and fueling job creation. The recommendations were presented to the Board of Governors in their September 2015 meeting and were adopted by the Board at its November 2015 meeting. (Report and Recommendations of the Task Force)

Vice Chancellor Ton-Quinlivan and Mario Rodriguez presented a draft of *Guidance to the Field on the Administration of the \$200M Strong Workforce Program* which received feedback and suggestions from the Consultation Council.

2016-17 Budget Update: update by Mario Rodriguez

Rodriguez addressed that the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance recently discussed the Governor's one-time funding proposals 2016-17 which include for Zero-Cost Textbook Degrees, Innovation Awards, and Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment. The Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education discussed the Governor's proposal for the Strong Workforce Program in addition to the funding proposals discussed during the Assembly budget hearing. All items were held open until May Revision to better determine Prop 98 funding levels. In addition, at the Senate's March 10th hearing, the State and Assembly also discussed Prop 39, while the Assembly will cover this issue at their April 26th hearing.

Stand-Alone Credit Courses: update by Pamela Walker

The purpose of the reinstatement of the California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55100 *Course Approval* is to authorize community college districts to locally approve credit courses that offer non-degree applicable credit courses and degree applicable credit courses that are not part of an approved educational program (commonly known as "stand-alone" courses) without separate approval by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. The reinstatement of stand-alone courses allows community college districts an opportunity to develop credit courses that respond to emerging community needs in a timely manner. This program will have a periodic review by the Chancellor's Office with its intention of it being a broad authority to adopt regulations and become a practice the California Community Colleges will abide by. The Consultation Council plans to forward this proposal to the Board of Governors at their May 2016 meeting.

Articulation of High School Courses: update by Pamela Walker

Vice Chancellor Walker presented the revision of the Articulation of High School Courses for its first read and approval. This revision clarifies title 5 language to ensure students are able to obtain a college credit on their transcripts while in high school when they complete a course with an articulation agreement. The Consultation Council reviewed the revision and plan to forward this proposal to the Board of Governors at their May 2016 meeting.

State and Federal Legislative Update: update by Mike Magee

Administrator of Governmental Relations Mike Magee provided an update on legislative activities at the state and federal level.

State Legislative Update: Policy committees are holding bill hearings for measures to meet the April 22nd deadline to pass their committees in the first house. The deadline for a bill to pass the fiscal committee in the first house is May 27, 2016.

Federal Update: On April 4th, Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart participated in a conference call with the White House and the College Promise Campaign. President Obama emphasized the importance America's community colleges play in providing students and workers with critical skills. The President has advocated strengthening the community colleges through a federal-state partnership that would make the first two years of community college free for responsible students, known as America's College Promise.