



The Consultation Council

May 19, 2016

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

	Best, Trinda	X	Hansen, Richard	X	Payan, Manuel
X	Bruno, Julie		Johnson, Joyce	X	Reynolds, Brad
X	Chavarin, Victor	X	King, Brian	X	Salem, Dahlia
	Doughty, Corine	X	Mahler, Jim		Suarez, Angelica
	Duncan, Willy	X	Malmgren, Irene	X	Suleski, Andy
	Galatolo, Ron	X	Morse, David	X	Vogel, Shaaron
X	Galizio, Larry	X	Nishime, Jeanie		Whitlock, Eugene
X	Hamilton, Thomas	X	Nyaggah, Lynette	X	Stewart, Vince
		X	Otto, Doug	X	Skinner, Erik

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Mike Claire (for Ron Galatolo), Howard Stahl, Omar Orihuela, Matt Canty, Monica Souza, Tristan Brown, Kirsten Corbin, Pamela Walker, Thuy Nguyen, Mike Magee, Rhonda Mohr, Natalie Wagner, Rosa Estrada, Theresa Tena, Mario Rodriquez

Student Senate Update: update by Dahlia Salem and Victor Chavarin

The Student Senate update included a report on the SSCCC General Assembly (April 29 – May 1) and the unanimous adoption of a new constitution. Student Senate President Salem thanked the Chancellor's Office staff for their help and attendance during the General Assembly. In addition, she summarized the three primary elements within the Student Senate focus: system advocacy, legislative advocacy, and regional advocacy and support. Vice President Chavarin noted the gratitude of the Student Senate for President Salem's service and that her final meeting as chair of the Student Senate will take place in Sacramento, June 3-5.

Satisfactory Progress (SP) Grade: update by Dr. Pamela Walker, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Kirsten Corbin, Dean, Basic Skills and Special Programs

A first reading of this item's proposed revision to the California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55023, Academic Record Symbols and Grade Point Average was discussed, and the Consultation Council was asked for its input. As proposed, the revision would add a new evaluation grade of Satisfactory Progress (SP) in order to track the progress of students enrolled in noncredit courses. This change would provide the SP as an option for colleges with noncredit courses, but its use would not be mandatory. The expectation of the Chancellor's Office is that the proposed revision will become a motivating factor for community college students. Julie Bruno, Vice President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, recognized

and thanked Vice Chancellor Walker, Dean Corbin and the staff of the Academic Affairs division for their efforts on the SP grade revision.

State and Federal Legislative Update: update by Vincent Stewart, Vice Chancellor for External Relations

Vice Chancellor Stewart provided an update on the most recent action of the state legislature and the governor, as well as recent activity at the federal level. It was reported that May 27, 2016, is the deadline for bills to pass the fiscal committee in the first house and that both houses' Appropriations Committees are currently analyzing measures with fiscal implications. The expectation is that both houses will hold hearings on May 27 to announce which bills have passed, passed with amendments, or have been "held" by the committee. At the federal level, the Chancellor's Office has been actively involved in discussions with the White House and the College Promise Campaign regarding the America's College Promise and efforts by California community colleges throughout the state to implement similar initiatives locally. In addition, the Chancellor's Office is engaged in federal advocacy efforts to reinvest the surplus in the Pell Grant program back into the program in order to support the year-round Pell Grant. There's growing concern that the surplus will be redirected to support other federal programs. Lastly, it was reported that on April 26, 2016, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi released a statement in opposition to the proposed provision to reduce the housing stipend for dependents of veterans pursuing degrees through the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

State Budget – May Revision: update by Mario Rodriguez, Acting Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities

Acting Vice Chancellor Rodriguez provided a detailed update on the May Revision as it relates to the California Community Colleges, which included an update of the governor's projections, policies, and priorities as outlined in his January budget proposal. Some May Revision adjustments to note include the Prop 98 minimum guarantee increase from \$71.6 billion to \$71.9 billion, a \$300,000 increase in funds for the Academic Senate to, in part, support implementing the Workforce Taskforce recommendations, and a \$20 million increase for the Online Education Initiative to support the development of courses in the Online Course Exchange.