



# The Consultation Council

September 10, 2015

## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

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

### **X – Indicates attendance**

Other Attendees: [Christopher Clifford](#), [Lynn Shaw](#), [Craig Justice](#), [Terry Kinney](#), [Brad Reynolds](#), [Ryan McElhinney](#), [Randy Beach](#), [Lizette Navarette](#), [Judy Heimen](#), [Howard Stahl](#), [Trish Lamantra](#), [Carmen Sandoval](#)

### **Orientation:**

Chancellor Harris provided a brief PowerPoint presentation showing the history and importance of the role of the Consultation Council for making policy decisions that support student success throughout the community college system.

### **Student Report:**

Student Senate reps. Victor Chavarin and Dahlia Salem reported that they are in the process of drafting and approving a new Constitution for their organization. They are concerned about the forthcoming expiration of the Proposition 30 taxes, plan to work to increase student voter registration, and will be holding a meeting on September 26 to discuss the Master Plan for Higher Education.

### **Institutional Effectiveness Program Initiative (IEPI): Framework of Indicators:**

Vice Chancellor Theresa Tena and her executive team addressed the council to explain their latest activities and an attachment which updates several of the indices included in the framework. Specifically, these indicators include: 1) changing the course completion rate from “annual” to “fall” to match ACCJC data; 2) providing three separate indicators related to audits rather than one combined indicator as at present; and 3) the addition of an indicator to be chosen by each college representing either a long- or short-term goal of its choosing. The IEPI team has selected 31 institutions for their initial visits – eight were bisited in Spring 2015 and another 17

will be visited this fall. Administrators expressed the importance of aligning the IEPI indicators with those included in the Scorecard.

There was also some sentiment among administrators that the system might want to consider differential funding of colleges (instead of the maximum of \$150,000 which has already become the minimum and the mean) because there are some colleges which may need the additional help but lack the research capability to define that need. The IEPI team responded that they were also looking at colleges that did not request help but may need it, by working “behind the scenes” to assure that these colleges receive the necessary assistance.

The focus of the greatest number of colleges is assistance with enrollment management, with the integration of plans cited as the second most-common request.

### **Board of Governor’s Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy:**

Co-Chairs Sunny Cooke and Lynn Shaw discussed their report, with the assistance of Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan. They noted that the report focused on “why” this review was needed, and spoke of the extensive process pursued by task force members. In doing so, they highly recommended that anyone interested in further data may wish to read, *The New Geography of Jobs*, by Enrico Moretti.

Council members were generally very supportive with a few comments:

- 1) Faculty noted that the colleges simply cannot always follow the requests of industry and stressed the importance of not isolating CTE work from “general” academic work since many students will benefit from the combination of the two.
- 2) Some concern was expressed about industry seeking education in highly technical areas which require expensive equipment, and then laying off workers within a few years as a new technology arises. Cooke noted that this is an example in which the colleges and industry need to share the risk of preparing students as future employees for various skill sets.
- 3) There was also concern that more high schools are requiring that all students meet the A-G requirements of UC – which does not leave room for CTE.

### **Task Force on Accreditation Report:**

This report, which focused on the continuing needs of the colleges for an accreditation process to meet the needs of our colleges and students, was strongly supported by the members of Consultation Council. Chancellor Harris indicated that all groups within the system should take the responsibility to give him their opinion on the report and possible actions. The report will be heard as an information item by the Board of Governors (BOG) on September 21, and as an action item on the November BOG agenda, possibly with a request to the Chancellor that he explore alternative accrediting bodies.

Members of the council noted that California community colleges are more clearly aligned with UC and CSU than in the past; therefore, it is important for the system to move forward and consider the best option for our students, give this improved alignment.

**State and Federal Legislative Update / State Legislative Program:**

Vice Chancellor Stewart indicated that the College Promise (for no tuition) proposed by President Obama recently, will include a media strategy/campaign, entitled, “Heads Up”, which will focus on social media outreach.

The timeline for the system’s legislative program is:

- October 6 – State Legislative Program Task Force meeting
- October 8 – Discussion of the proposals at the Consultation Council meeting
- November 17/18 – Presentation of the sponsored legislative package for review and approval by the BOG

*A complete listing of 2015 legislation of interest to the League can be found at:*

<http://www.ccleague.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3416>

**2016-17 System Budget Request:**

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy presented the council with a preliminary, brief summary of this item which will be sent to the Department of Finance as the official system request for the 2016-17 budget. The request includes many items since it totals \$926 million, compared to the \$875 million provided to the system for 2015-16. The system does not expect to receive as much as in the 2015-16 year since that included repayment of the mandate funds withheld as well as the maintenance factor repayments which have been almost completely repaid.

In addition to the printed digest, Troy indicated that he would continue to press for automatic backfill of property taxes, fees, and any other budget category which results in a shortfall, as well as increased funding for Cal Grants. These were not included in this brief summary because there is no way to estimate any shortfalls at this point and Cal Grant funding is actually included in the California Student Aid Commission’s budget.

**Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Fund Allocation:**

Vice Chancellor Thuy Thi Nguyen noted that there is funding for an estimated 1100 new full-time faculty hires in the 2015-16 budget. Her EEO/Diversity Advisory Committee will focus on this issue; it will not be possible to make a difference if colleges continue with a “business as usual” approach.

The EEO funds have been in the range of \$767,000 which supported job fairs and other local EEO activities. Now, the funding has increased to about \$5 million which will allow the Chancellor’s Office to distribute funds as part of the student success initiative. The ASCCC president noted the Senate’s support for this item because it will move the diversity agenda forward.

The committee will focus on developing a comprehensive survey of effective college diversity practices and will develop additional information for them. In addition, Nguyen is working with lawyers to provide information at summits in both Northern and Southern California.