



The Consultation Council

March 20, 2008

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X	Austin, Jim	X	Hansen, Richard	Romo, John	
	Carter, Troy	X	Harrington, Nicki	X	Wright, Sheri
X	Davies, Mandy	X	Hewitt, Bill	X	Zacovic, Mark
	Friedlander, Carl		Lay, Scott	X	Bruckman, Steve
	Frisch, Dennis	X	Lieu, Mark Wade	X	Woodruff, Diane
X	Garcia, Rebecca	X	Payan, Manuel		
X	Gaskin, Lori	X	Patton, Jane		
	Hale, Jeffrey	X	Reel, Ron Norton		

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: [Frank Fernandez](#), [Dean Murakami](#), [Rita Mize](#), [Celia Esposito-Noy](#), [Victoria Rosario](#), [Elias Regalado](#), [Deborah Harmon](#), [Leslie Smith](#), [Robert Turnage](#), [Hazel Hill](#), [Patricia Laurent](#), [Cornelia Alsheimer](#), [Jonathan Lightman](#), [Theresa Tena](#), [Marlene Garcia](#), [Carole Bogue-Feinour](#), [Erik Skinner](#), [Linda Michalowski](#)

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the February 17, 2008 meeting.

2008-09 System Budget: update by Erik Skinner (1 handout)

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner discussed the budget with Consultation Council. It was reported that:

1. The legislature is unlikely to take decisive action until after the May revise.
2. California Community Colleges (CCC), UC, CSU coalition want to deliver a unified effort.
3. There is an image that CCC is funded very well in the budget. Legislature doesn't understand the property tax shortfall.
4. Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia encouraged CCC to tap into regional events about the budget.

Members of Consultation Council spoke about the following items during the budget update:

1. Getting the media more involved.
2. Silent pink slips for part time faculty.
3. Target swing voters.

4. Need a simple and direct message.

2007-08 Property Tax Shortfall: update by Erik Skinner (1 handout)

The property tax shortfall for 2007-08 is projected to be \$84 million. The shortfall is treated as a deficit and gets spread around to all districts evenly. There is no mechanism in place to sweep growth funds and use them to help assist with the shortfall.

Update on SB 361 Allocation Regulations: update by Erik Skinner

Vice Chancellor Skinner reported that currently the System Office and Department of Finance (DOF) are having trouble coming to an agreement on how growth should be calculated. DOF would like the calculation to be based on countywide growth while the System Office would like the calculation to be based on changes in the district's service area. The System Office will be asking for another year to use the interim growth rates and will use the next year to try to develop/find data to support using the district service area for growth calculations.

Impacts of the Proposed Cuts to Student Services Categorical Programs in 2008-09 Budget:

update by Mandy Davies

Mandy Davies CCCSSAA representative reviewed a handout on survey results and impact of budget cuts with Consultation Council. Some items Ms. Davies discussed were:

1. Cutting financial and the devastating impact it will have on students.
2. Bringing students in that we can't serve.
3. Look at ways to reduce cuts to categorical programs.

Governmental Relations: update by Marlene Garcia (3 handouts)

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia discussed the March 4th, 2008 Advocacy Day with Consultation Council. Legislative participation was good; there were twenty-five meetings, twelve teams and fifty participants.

The following bills were discussed at the Consultation Council meeting:

Financial Aid:

AB 2082 (Salas) – This bill request students who are/were members of the California National Guard be considered for the Cal Grant B Entitlement award.

AB SB 1290 (Wyland) – This bill requires California Community Colleges and California State University and request University of California to waive all mandatory tuition or fees for qualified members of the California National Guard for up to seven years beginning January 1, 2009.

SB 1355 (Corbett) – This bill requires public or private postsecondary education institutions to provide prospective college students with information that clearly distinguishes private loans from federal subsidized and guaranteed loans in their financial aid awards and materials.

SB 1219 (Cedillo) – This bill extends the Cal Grant Entitlement eligibility period for members and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

SB 1752 (Wyland) – This bill establishes an educational assistance award program for active members of the California National Guard who have served at least two years and meet other specified requirements.

AB 2365 (De La Torre) – This bill increases the percentage of first-time Cal Grant B students who are eligible to receive first year tuition or fees from the current 2 percent to 25 percent during the 2009-10 academic year.

SB 1457 (Steinberg) – This bill established the CalSAVE Program which would fund individual ScholarShare accounts for low-income and foster youth students who lack family support to finance their postsecondary education.

AB 1758 (DeVore) – This bill would repeal the exemption and those legislative findings declarations.

AB 2876 (Furutani) – This bill establishes the Student Loan Integrity Act providing students and families with accessible consumer information about the student loan industry and establishing standards of ethical behavior for postsecondary education institutions and private lenders.

AB 2083 (Nunez) – This bill would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act to require the trustees of the CSU and the Board of Governors of the California Community College and request the Regents of the UC, to establish procedures and forms that enable person who are exempt from paying non-resident tuition under this provision, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to be eligible to receive institutional financial aid awards.

SB 1301 (Cedillo) – This bill would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act to require the trustees of the CSU and the Board of Governors of the California Community College and request the Regents of the UC, to establish procedures and forms that enable person who are exempt from paying non-resident tuition under this provision, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to be eligible to receive institutional financial aid awards.

Nursing:

SB 1621 (Ashburn) – This bill expands eligibility for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans (SNAPLE) to include students and graduates of accredited vocational nurse or psychiatric technician programs if they meet specified requirements.

AB 1927 (Galgiani) – This bill requires nursing education programs to accept units of career technical education courses towards the completion of program requirements.

SB 1521 (Cedillo) – This bill would provide for the assumption of student loans of students who agree to be employed as a school nurse in schools meeting prescribed requirements.

SB 1393 (Scott) – This bill would specifically prohibit a campus of the California State University or California Community Colleges from requiring a student of a registered nursing program with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution to complete any course work other than that which is necessary to prepare the student for licensing as a registered nurse.

CTE/Green Technology:

AB 2006 (Hayashi) – This bill would create the Center of Innovation for Green Technology as an economic and workforce regional development center to support and encourage the workforce pertaining to the emerging clean technology industry.

AB 3018 (Nunez) – This bill establishes a green collar jobs council comprised of specified representatives for the purpose of developing a framework, funding , strategies, programs, and opportunities to address training and workforce needs of California’s emerging green economy.

SB 1672 (Steinberg) – This bill if approved by voters would enact a \$3 billion Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Career Technical Education, and Clean Technology Job Creation Bond Act.

Textbook/Bookstores:

AB 2260 (Committee on Higher Education) – This bill would repeal section 81676.5 of the education code, relating to postsecondary education.

Streamlining Reports:

AB 2469 (Brownley) – This bill would require the legislative analyst’s office to convene a working group of representatives from each segment of higher education, CPEC, DOF, and Senate and Assembly fiscal committees to determine which reporting requirements can be eliminated.

Transfer:

SB 1585 (Padilla) – This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to direct the California Community Colleges to redefine its priorities and goals, seek every possible way to make the most efficient use of eth resources provided by the state and to increase the number of students that transfer to 4-year institutions.

Other:

SB 1322 (Lowenthal) – This bill seeks to remove all outdated and obsolete language in the education code that makes references to communism.

AB 2277 (Eg) – This bill codifies the Proposition 98 split between k-12 and community colleges at 11 percent of funds annually apportioned for California Community Colleges.

Compressed Calendar Issues: update by Carole Bogue-Feinour, Mark Wade Lieu, Erik Skinner, and Elias Regalado
Consultation Council discussed the need for official guidelines for compressed calendars.

System Strategic Plan Update: update by Steve Bruckman
Consultation Council discussed updates to the System Strategic Plan.

Title 5 Regulations on Nondiscrimination in Programs Receiving State Financial Aid:
update by Steve Bruckman
Consultation Council discussed the changes to the nondiscrimination regulations.

Nancy Shulock Report: *It Could Happen: Unleashing the Potential of California's Community Colleges to Help Students Succeed and California Thrive*: by Diane Woodruff
Consultation Council discussed the latest Shulock Report and agreed to create an ad hoc committee to consider the issues raised in the report.