



The Consultation Council

February 19, 2009

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

	Burgess, Terrance		Lay, Scott	X	Young, Richael
X	Burke, Thomas	X	Lieu, Mark Wade		Zacovic, Mark
X	Friedlander, Carl	X	Neault, Lynn	X	Bruckman, Steve
X	Gaskin, Lori	X	Patton, Jane	X	Lynn, Morgan
X	Hansen, Richard	X	Payan, Manuel		Scott, Jack
X	Harrington, Nicki		Reel, Ron Norton		
X	Hewitt, Bill		Villegas, Luis		
X	Kertbundit, Bundit	X	Wright, Sheri		

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Alan Frey, Rita Mize, Bob Owen, Monica Souza, Cornelia Alsheimer, Jonathan Lightman, Dennis Frisch, Michael Magee, Theresa Tena, Linda Michalowski, Julie Adams, LeBaron Woodyard, Stephanie Low

Executive Vice Chancellor of Operations and General Counsel, Steve Bruckman announced:

1. The System Office will be known as the Chancellor's Office again
2. The Chancellor's Office is subject to the two day furloughs instituted by the Governor.
3. The Senate passed the Budget

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the January 15, 2009 meeting. The following correction was made:

1. The agenda item *Responses to the Shulock Report* should have been on the agenda as *Summary of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy Recommendations and a Community College Response*.

Transfer Task Force: by Morgan Lynn

Executive Vice Chancellor of Programs, Morgan Lynn spoke to Consultation Council about the Transfer Task Force being formed by the three system of higher education (CCC, CSU, and UC). A charter and work plan are being developed for the task force and soon there will be a request for volunteers to join.

Consultation Council recommended having regional representative on the task force because transfer needs can be different depending on the region.

State and Federal Update; by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated Consultation Council on state government activities:

1. February 27th is the last day to introduce bills.
2. The Chancellor's Office is working with Assemblymember Portantino on AB 78, Concurrent Enrollment – Community College/Secondary – Elementary School.
3. Assemblymember Warren Furutani may author a bill on the property tax backfill. This issue was not addressed in the Governor's Budget.
4. Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. There is still time to sign-up.
5. The Legislative Reception will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Anne McKinney updated Consultation Council on federal activities:

1. Over 130 California Community College representatives lobbied the California Congressional Delegation and other key centers of influence this past week in Washington D.C.
2. Governor Schwarzenegger announced that \$45 billion is expected to come to California in the form of expenditures for education, health care, infrastructure, and unemployment benefits.
3. California Community Colleges should continue to advocate for “full-cost” funding language as related to community contracts with Workforce Investment Boards in the upcoming Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization.

System Budget Update: by Erik Skinner

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner provided Consultation Council with the following update on the state budget and how it will impact California Community Colleges:

For 2008-09

1. \$39.8 million cut to eliminate the 0.68 COLA
2. \$3.6 million reduction to capture unspent prior year-year funds
3. \$4 million cut to mandate payments
4. \$340 million in apportionment funding deferred from January, February, March, and April to be repaid in July (this replaces the existing \$245 million deferral that was added to the community college budget in 2008-09). This new deferral is likely to be a permanent feature of our budget.
5. Delay repayment of existing \$200 million June-to-July deferral, now to be paid in October. This change is assumed to be permanent.

For 2009-10

1. No COLA
2. 185.4 million augmentation to fund three percent enrollment growth
3. The budget does not include categorical flexibility provisions for the colleges
4. The budget does not include student fee increases

5. The budget does not include other policy changes that have been discussed in recent weeks (property tax shortfall protection, lowering funding rates for certain recreation courses, etc.). Such policy proposals will be heard in policy committees or budget hearing during the spring.
6. The budget maintains funding for the Cal Grant program. The proposal to eliminate new Competitive Cal Grants was rejected.

Summary of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy Recommendations and a Community College Response

This report along with the responses will be part of the discussion at the California Forward meeting that will take place on February 27th, 2009. Chancellor Jack Scott will be speaking at the event and would like to move the focus into a broader discussion on what community colleges are doing to contribute to student success.

Program and Course Approval Handbook, 3rd Edition: by Carole Bogue-Feinour
The *Program and Course Approval Handbook, 3rd Edition* was presented to Consultation Council. The updated handbook has three modules:

1. Introduction
2. Credit Curriculum
3. Noncredit Curriculum

Module three is under development.

The staff at the Chancellor's Office thanked the Academic Senate, Chief Instructional Officers and the California Community College Association for Occupational Education for their valuable consultation in the preparation of this handbook.

Disciplines List Structural Change: by Carole Bogue-Feinour and Mark Wade Lieu
The following structural changes to the Discipline List were presented to the Consultation Council.

1. Expanding the non-master's list to include those disciplines which require a bachelor's or associate degree in a particular discipline along with the requisite years of professional experience (examples include nursing and biotechnology).
2. An alternate format for publishing the two lists identified in title 5 as master's and non-master's lists. This change does not require new title 5 language.

Consensus was reached to forward these recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Student Senate Report: by Richael Young

The Student Senate is planning a rally for March 16th, 2009 in Sacramento. Please check out www.iwillmarch.com for information on the upcoming rally.