



# The Consultation Council

October 15, 2009

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## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

X	Burgess, Terrance	X	McDowell, John		Villegas, Luis
X	Burke, Thomas	X	Milburn, Reid	X	Wade, Marcia
	Darnell, Roe		Esposito-Noy, Celia	X	Bruckman, Steve
X	Dhroad, Shelia	X	Patton, Jane		Lynn, Morgan
X	Friedlander, Carl	X	Payan, Manuel	X	Scott, Jack
X	Hansen, Richard	X	Pilati, Michelle		
	Kilmer, Renée	X	Ramos, Irma		
X	Lay, Scott	X	Reel, Ron Norton		

### **X – Indicates attendance**

Other Attendees: [Mandy Davies](#), [Alex Pader](#), [Erik Skinner](#), [Marlene Garcia](#),

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**Meeting Summaries:** Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the September 17, 2009 meeting.

### **State Budget Update:** by Erik Skinner

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner reported recent developments concerning the state budget. The Department of Finance has indicated that there is an expected \$1 billion shortfall in anticipated revenues for 2009-10. Also, certain taxes will be terminating this year leading to further decreases in future revenues. At this point, midyear cuts appear somewhat unlikely, but this could change.

### **Faculty Obligation Number:** by Erik Skinner

Board of Governors regulations require the Board to consider each November whether the Faculty Obligation Number should be adjusted in the coming year. In 2008, the Board determined that the budget did not provide funds for increasing the FON. Because the current budget is even worse, Vice Chancellor Skinner will recommend to the Board that the FON be maintained at the current level. While the Consultation Council agreed with this recommendation, there was considerable discussion about the lack of progress in increasing the number of full time faculty at the colleges. There was general recognition that full-time faculty perform multiple important functions. Disappointment was expressed that more progress wasn't made in prior years when more money was available, but the reality is that the colleges have never been adequately funded.

### **Fifty Percent Law:** update by Erik Skinner

The 2009-10 budget sharply reduced funding for categorical programs. As a result of various complications associated with how the budget was written, colleges that are trying to backfill

categorical funding from general fund sources are facing problems in meeting the fifty percent law obligation. In response, the Chancellor's Office has proposed amending title 5 to expand the opportunity for the Board of Governors to provide relief to districts facing "serious hardship". This proposed regulation is narrowly tailored to address the specific problem created by the impacts on categorical programs and it is limited in duration. Nevertheless, some members of the Consultation Council expressed great concern about the proposal. There were requests for additional information and potential revisions. The amendments will go forward to the BOG for first reading in November, but the BOG will not take action until January allowing time for more discussion and potential changes.

**State Update:** by Marlene Garcia

Consultation Council received a report on bills signed and vetoed by the Governor. The following bills sponsored by the Chancellor's Office were signed into law:

**AB 386 (Ruskin) Instructional Materials: Disabled Students** - Concerning captioned audio-visual materials.

**AB 669 (Fong) Residency Requirements: Foster Youth.** – Concerning foster youth residency.

In addition to the sponsored bills, the governor signed the following bills:

**AB 1295 (Fuller) Nursing Degree Programs** - Concerning streamlining the process for students desiring to obtain a BSN in Nursing

**AB 37 (Furutani) Honorary Degrees** – Concerning honorary degrees for Japanese-Americans interned during World War II

**SB 19 (Simitian) Education data/Federal "Race to the Top" American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding** – Concerning Race to the Top funding requirements.

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia also reported on the Legislative Task Force recommendations for the 2010 Legislative Agenda scheduled for first reading by the BOG in November.

- 1) CCC Assess- a bill to create a centralized storage and delivery data warehouse of CCC assessment instruments, including a set of tests to be made available to the colleges at no charge.
- 2) Streamlining Reports- a bill to remove obsolete reports and consolidate other reports.
- 3) Federal Veteran's Earmark- a request to one of California's US senators to provide funds to better serve returning veteran students.

**Student Senate Update:** by Reid Milburn and Sheila Dhroad

Reid Milburn and Sheila Dhroad spoke to the Consultation Council about the activities of the student senate.

**Categorical Programs:** update by Mandy Davies

The CSSO's are developing a survey to assess and quantify the impacts of categorical program cuts on student services.