



# The Consultation Council

January 21, 2010

## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

X	Burgess, Terrance		McDowell, John		Villegas, Luis
	Burke, Thomas	X	Milburn, Reid	X	Wade, Marcia
	Darnell, Roe		Esposito-Noy, Celia	X	Bruckman, Steve
X	Dickey, Michael	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		Reel, Ron Norton		

### X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: [Lynn Neault](#), [Randy Lawson](#), [Erik Skinner](#), [Bill Hewitt](#), [Maryanne Michaels](#), [Deborah Harmon](#), [Barry Russell](#), [LeAnn Fong-Batkin](#), [Chris Yatooma](#), [Dean Mancina](#), [Marlene Garcia](#), [Terri Carbaugh](#), [Rita Mize](#), [Theresa Tena](#)

**Meeting Summaries:** Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the November 19, 2009, meeting.

### **State Budget Update:** by Erik Skinner (1 Handout)

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner discussed the Governors Budget that was released on January 8, 2010 with the Consultation Council. Vice Chancellor Skinner reported what the budget proposes for community colleges:

1. 2.2 percent enrollment growth
2. -0.38 percent COLA
3. No increase in student fees for community college students
4. 2010-11 Property Tax Adjustment
5. Funding categorical programs at the 2009-10 general funding levels with a few exceptions to certain programs.
6. Increased Categorical Flexibility
7. SB 70 Trailer Bill Language
8. Suspension of Mandates
9. Suspension of Full-Time Faculty Obligation
10. Possibility of additional funding deferrals
11. Suspension of New Competitive CalGrant Awards

Consultation Council had questions about:

1. The mandate suspension

*Vice Chancellor Skinner stated that we are still waiting for more information on the mandate suspension.*

2. Cuts to EOPS and part-time faculty compensation. Members feel these are not appropriate targets for cuts.
3. Enrollment growth – questions were raised about how funds would be divided among the districts.

*Vice Chancellor Skinner indicated that no decisions have been made but that it would be important to consider the effects of workload reduction when considering options.*

Consultation Council did discuss a student fee policy. The idea is for the system to come up with their own policy instead of letting other groups dictate the systems policy. The Student Senate representative made it clear that they do not support a student fee increase under any circumstances.

Vice Chancellor Skinner reminded everyone that the Governors Budget proposal is only a proposal and there is a long process ahead of us.

**State Update:** by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated Consultation Council on state and federal activities. She introduced the new Assistant Vice Chancellor of Federal Governmental Relations, Valerie Purnell to Consultation Council.

State Update:

1. Assemblymember John Perez is the incoming Speaker of the Assembly.
2. Assemblymember Martin Garrick will be the Assembly Minority leader for the Republicans.
3. Senator Darrell Steinberg will continue as the Pro Tem of the Senate.
4. Senator Robert Dutton will become the Senate Minority Leader for the Republicans.
5. A Master Plan hearing will take place on February 2 from 9-3. The topic is Universal Access/Equal Access.
6. Committee hearings will gear up in March.
7. The themes for legislation this year will be transfer, transparency, green jobs and technology.
8. Student fee issues will mostly likely be discussed this legislative year.

Vice Chancellor Garcia reminded everyone that Community College Advocacy Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2.

Federal Update:

1. Will be attending the ACCT conference in Washington D.C. from February 8-10
2. Veteran's Earmark – the Chancellor's Office is working on applying for this earmark.

**Accreditation Task Group Update:** by Jack Scott

Chancellor Scott reported that he was able to speak to the Accreditation Commission for five minutes at their meeting in January.

The Consultation Council Task Group on Accreditation has met over the past few months to come up with recommendations/suggestion to forward to the Accreditation Commission. These recommendations/suggestions were kept private. However after Chancellor Scott spoke to the Commission, Barbara Beno, President of the Accreditation Commission wrote a letter to the CEO's explaining that colleges would need to go through the Commission directly if they had any issues of concern. In a separate letter addressed to Chancellor Scott, the Commission addressed and provided answers to the seven suggestions from the Task Group.

Based on the letters that were sent from the Commission, task group members are now able to share all information that has been discussed with all constituent groups.

Member of Consultation had questions about who appoints the president of the Commission. Chancellor's Office staff responded that the Commission hires the president and sets the contract and salary for the president.

Members of the Task Group asked Consultation Council for recommendation on next steps that should be taken in dealing with the issue of accreditation.

**Student Senate Update:** by Reid Milburn and Michael Dickey

Reid Milburn and Michael Dickey spoke to the Consultation Council about the activities of the student senate.

**Other**

**Academic Senate:** update by Jane Patton

Jane Patton reported that the Academic Senate is currently working on revising the requirements for applying prerequisites in mathematics and English to courses outside those disciplines. The Academic Senate has convened a task group with representatives from the Academic Senate, administrators and the Chancellor's Office to develop a strategy to permit prerequisites that are based on the content review by discipline faculty. Their work will include revising Title 5 language as well as developing some recommended effective practices.