



The Consultation Council

May 20, 2010

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

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

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Lynn Neault, Barry Russell, Dennis Frisch, Terri Carbaugh, Rita Mize, Linda Michalowski, Judith Michaels, Marlene Garcia, Monica Souza, Diana Ramon, Dean Mancina, Dolores Sanchez, Velma Butler, Mark MacDonald, Joshua Golka, Bonnie Slosson, Enrique Raucho

Meeting Summaries: Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the April 15, 2010 meeting.

State Budget Update: by Jack Scott

Chancellor Scott discussed the Governors May Revise with the Consultation Council. The Governors May Revise proposed deep cuts to CalWORKs, welfare, in-home services, and health services. There wasn't much change to the community college budget in the May Revise. Chancellor Scott also reminded members that this May Revise is not the budget and therefore a lot of items that the Governor proposed may not be in the final budget.

Consultation Council requested that a letter be sent to the district asking them not to make any cuts to their programs until the budget is finalized.

Government Relations Update: by Marlene Garcia and Valerie Purnell (Handout Packet)
Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated Consultation Council on the following legislation:

1. **SB 1440 (Padilla) California Community Colleges: Student Transfer** – This bill establishes a new Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR) that for the first time in California history guarantees that a community college student who completes an associate degree in his or her field of study is able to transfer to a CSU campus as junior status. This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 24, 2010. The Chancellor's Office position on this bill is support.

2. **SB 1143 (Liu) Community College Funding** – This bill would change the calculation method to require a second census point to occur at course completion, with the FTES being calculated using the average active enrollment in a course between these two census points. Currently, active enrollment for purposes of calculation census-based, full time equivalent student (FTES) is counted after the third or fourth week of the semester. This bill passed the Senate Education Committee on April 21, 2010 with a vote of 7-0 and will be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 24, 2010. The Chancellor’s Office position on this bill is opposed unless amended.
3. **AB 2523 (Eng) Apprenticeship Electricians** – This bill would permit state-approved apprenticeship programs to offer certification training under their own general control without the requirement that the classroom instruction be under the jurisdiction of the state. The Assembly Appropriations Committee passed this bill on a unanimous vote and it is currently on the Assembly floor. The Chancellor’s Office position on this bill is opposed unless amended.
4. **AB 1997 (Portantino) Community Colleges: Student Financial Aid Programs: Application Forms** – This bill requires students to use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for all financial aid, including the Board of Governors Fee Waiver. The bill provides an exception to this requirement for specified cases. This bill passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate Rules Committee for assignment. The Chancellor’s Office has not taken a position on this bill.
5. **SB 1332 (Dutton) Radiologic Technology** – This bill would require the Department of Health (DPH) to approve schools that meet the Joint Review Committee of Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) standards. The bill also requires the department to adopt the standards through a specified process before approving schools. This bill passed the Senate Health Committee on May 5, 2010 with unanimous support and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriation Committee on May 24, 2010. The Chancellor’s Office position on this bill is support.
6. **AB 1099 (Fuller) School Facilities: Construction** – This bill eliminates the requirement that a contractor submit periodic reports to the Department of General Services (DGS) indication that the work and materials comply with the approved plans and specifications. It also eliminates the requirement that the notice of completion be filed before the DGS issues a certification that the proposed school building complies with Field Act requirements. This bill is currently in the Senate Education Committee.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Federal Relations Valerie Purnell updated the Consultation Council on federal activities: (1 handout)

1. Assistant Vice Chancellor Purnell discussed the “Keep Our Educators Working Act” proposed by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), which will provide \$23 billion in emergency funding for education jobs. She described a related National Call-in day to save education jobs taking place on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. She also spoke to the Consultation about this call and encouraged everyone to participate.

2. The Veterans earmark which will provide funding for veterans at California community colleges continues to move along and is currently in both appropriation committees. It is sponsored by Senator Feinstein and Congressman Filner.
3. Assistant Vice Chancellor Purnell will be traveling to Washington, D.C. next week to advocate for the Veterans earmark, Pell Grant funding and the Keep Our Educators Working Act. While there she will participate in a briefing on Pell Grants.

Proposal for a Second Classified Representative: by Carl Friedlander

Carl Friedlander presented a digest to the Consultation Council on adding another classified member to the group. Assemblyman Warren Furutani has introduced legislation that would require the board to include among the membership 2 members who are classified employees, each representing one of two different statewide collective bargaining organizations.

Most members of Consultation Council felt that this was a decision that should be made by the Chancellor and not through legislation. However there were opposing views on whether the legislation might be necessary if the Chancellor doesn't agree to make this appointment.

Members of the public spoke about the number of classified representatives on the Council and stated that they feel that the number is disproportionate to the number of classified employees in the System. They also expressed their support to have another classified representative on the Council.

However some members of Consultation Council expressed the importance of understanding that the make-up of the group isn't based on numbers. It's based on being sure that the issues addressed in Consultation Council are getting the perspective from all representative groups.

After listening to the discussion Chancellor Scott stated that he agrees that this decision should be made internally rather than being decided in legislation. The Chancellor will give this decision some thought and report back to the Consultation Council.

Student Senate Update: by Reid Milburn

Reid Milburn spoke to the Consultation Council about the Student Senate.

1. Student Senate President Reid Milburn met with Senator Liu regarding SB 1143.
2. The Student Senate is also asking that colleges that collect the Student Representative Fee donate a portion of that fee to their statewide representatives. This donation would help to fund the activities of the Student Senate...
3. An intersegmental rally has been scheduled for Thursday, June 3rd at Sacramento City College.

Other:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kaplan College – Members of Consultation Council wanted to know that status of a review committee for this MOU. Members also requested to be a part of the committee once it is established and up and running.
- b. The November 2010 Consultation Council meeting will be held at the CCLC convention in Pasadena.
- c. Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner spoke to the Consultation Council about LAO's position on the Governors May Revise. LAO felt like the Governors cuts to social services were too severe and recommended that the Governor suspend proposition 98 funds and cut CSU and UC deeper. The LAO is proposing that student fees be raised to \$40 per unit and that the money generated from the fee increase go toward funding the growth factor. They also recommended a \$150 million cut to the P.E. apportionment. This cut would eliminate half of the credit P.E. courses in the System.