



The Consultation Council

February 20, 2014

Meeting Summary

Consultation Council Members:

X Beam, Linda	X Lay, Scott	X Ramos, Irma
X Benjamin, Helen	X Mahler, Jim	X Randall, Meridith
X Bielenberg, Aaron	X Morse, David	X Smith, Beth
X Dowd, Bonnie Ann	X Murakami, Dean	
X Endrijonas, Erika	X Nyaggah, Lynette	
Gornik, Frank	X Ontiveros, Manny	X Michelle Goldberg
X Hansen, Richard	X Payan, Manuel	X Harris, Brice W.
X Angel Jimenez	Ramon, Diana	X Skinner, Erik

X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: Brad Reynolds, Theresa Tena, Susan Bray, Christopher Clifford, Michelle Underwood, Natalie Wagner, Vincent Stewart, Rita Mize, Lizette Navarette, LeAnn Fong-Batkin, Ryan McElhinney, Will Bruce, Carmen Sandoval, Michael Magee, Paul Feist, Mary Meuel, LeBaron Woodyard, Tristan Brown, Linda Michalowski, Dan Troy, Patrick Perry, Alice VanOmmeren, Ryan Fuller, Atsuko Nonoyama

Below is a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the February 20, 2014, Consultation Council meeting in Sacramento. Materials from this meeting can be found at:
<http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/ConsultationCouncil/AgendasandSummaries/February2014.aspx>

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There were no changes to the January 23, 2014, meeting summary.

Student Senate Update

The Student Senate report included information on the following:

1. The External Affairs Committee is continuing to work on the march in March scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014. Speakers have been confirmed for the event.
2. The implementation of Assembly Bill 1358 (Fong).

Budget Update

Vice Chancellor Dan Troy provided the Consultation Council with an update on the 2014-2015 governors' budget.

1. Budget subcommittees have scheduled their major hearings for community colleges for later this year.
 - a. The Assembly subcommittee will meet on April 2, 2014.
 - b. The Senate subcommittee will meet on April 24, 2014.

2. The Assembly held a meeting on February 19, 2014, which included the three leaders of California's Public Higher Education Systems: California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris, University of California President Janet Napolitano and California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White.

Members of Consultation Council questioned how funds allotted to the Student Equity Plans will be distributed to the districts, for example, FTES distribution. They also expressed concerns surrounding the need for restorative COLAs for districts.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart discussed the following legislation:

1. Assembly Bill 1451 (Holden) Concurrent Enrollment in Secondary School (Sponsor) which will be reviewed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 12, 2014.
2. Assembly member Das Williams will author Professional Development legislation
3. Senate Bill 965 (Leno) San Francisco Community College District: Stabilization Funding
4. Assembly Bill 1271 (Bonta) Community Colleges: Inmate Education: Apportionments (Support)
5. Senate Bill 174 (De Leon) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program
6. Senate Bill 798 (De Leon) Income Taxes: Contributions to Education Funds
7. Assembly Bill 1348 (Perez) California Higher Education Authority
8. Assembly Bill 1942 (Bonta) Community Colleges: Accreditation
9. Senate Bill 1068 (Beall) Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (Spot)

In regards to federal legislative updates, Vice Chancellor Vincent Stewart reported that staff from the Chancellor's Office as well as members from the Board of Governors, attended the 2014 National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 10-13, 2014. Legislative issues discussed during the summit included; the importance of serving veterans, increasing Pell Grant funding and the Workforce Investment Act.

Some members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over Senate Bill 965 (Leno). They agreed that stabilization funding is needed for San Francisco Community College District, however, other districts should be included in the bill.

Faculty Obligation Number

This item was moved to the March 20, 2014 Consultation Council agenda.

Quality Education

Consultation Council ACBO Representative Bonnie Ann Dowd and Academic Senate Representative Beth Smith wanted to facilitate the discussion of quality education. They also wanted feedback on how members define quality education prior to their presentation at the 2014 Association of California Community Colleges Administrators (ACCCA) Annual Conference titled, *Hitting "QE2": A Quality Educational Experience for California Community Colleges in the 21st Century*.

Several members of Consultation Council agreed that quality education has varied definitions. Some definitions included: counseling services, quality programs and instructions and closing achievement gaps.

Student Success Initiative Update

Vice Chancellor Patrick Perry reported on the proposed system goals considered for adoption at the March 3-4, 2014 Board of Governors meeting. He explained the six metrics centered on the four areas/goals, which include the following:

1. Student success
 - a. Scorecard success rates
 - b. Associate of Arts/Associate of Science transfer degrees
2. Equity
 - a. Completion rate among subgroups
3. Student Services
 - a. Percent with education plan
4. Efficiency
 - a. Average full time equivalent student (FTES) spent per student
 - b. FTES spent per Scorecard outcome

Members of Consultation Council expressed concerns over transfer degree students. Some members questioned the system goal of increasing the number of students earning a transfer degree by five percent annually for five years. Other members were concerned about transfer student being counted twice within the data for determining student success.

Joint Credit and Community Education Classes

Consultation Council CCCI Representative Richard Hansen addressed the problems districts face with repeatability regulations. He reported that a request was made to the Chancellor's Office to provide districts with guidelines.

Some members of Consultation Council agreed that receiving guidelines from the Chancellor's Office would help faculty to adhere to repeatability regulations. The Chancellor's Office will provide guidelines at the Consultation Council meeting on September 18, 2014.

Part-time Faculty Retirement Credit

Consultation Council CCCI Representative Richard Hansen discussed part-time faculty's inability to take their retirement credit from one district to the next. He asked the Chancellor's Office if they will take the lead on making retirement credits available to part-time faculty when they transfer between districts.

The Chancellor's Office will not take the lead on this issue because it is employment related. ACCCA is currently working to help California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) understand the significance of the California Community Colleges System and the Chancellor's Office has agreed to lend support.

California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Study Group Report

Chancellor Brice W. Harris reported that Senator Marty Block, author of Senate Bill 850 is willing to listen to suggested modifications to the bill to ensure that the Board of Governors has a prominent role in deciding how the pilot will be executed. Chancellor Harris stated that this item will be added to the upcoming Consultation Council meeting agenda. He asked members of Consultation Council to share what their constituents had to say about the bill.

Based on feedback from members of Consultation Council, there is a division between institutional groups that oppose the bill and those that support it. Members expressed concerns over how practical the pilot would be in terms of funding, staffing and alignment with districts' current mission statements.