

Hello CIOs – Here is a brief report on last week’s Consultation Council meeting – you can find the agenda and attachments at <http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/ConsultationCouncil/AgendasandSummaries/March2014.aspx>

At the Pre-Consultation Council meeting run by the League, it was decided to make sure this year’s budget was discussed at the main meeting, since the first Budget Hearing takes place on April 2. There was also discussion of the match requirements for SSSP funding and concern about all colleges being able to afford a 3:1 or even 2:1 match.

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Student Senate: They reported that the March in March was successful.

Legislative Update: The Chancellor’s Office’s three sponsored bills are moving forward. AB 1451: Concurrent Enrollment will be revised for an initial hearing on April 1. Two pending issues are raising the 11 unit cap and waiving the “open” course requirement. AB 2558: Community Colleges: Faculty and Staff Development has a hearing on April 22. No funding is included in the bill, but will be a separate budget request. Questions were raised about the relationship to current flex guidelines. SB 965: Funding for CCSF has run into some issues about a requirement that there be a special trustee, which both the League and CCCCO would need in order to support. However, the reality is that there is currently a special trustee. Once again, it was noted that other colleges have suffered enrollment decreases from accreditation sanctions, but did not receive bail-outs. It was stated by the CCCCO that the bill would not cost other colleges in the system. The CCCCO has no position yet on the several bills addressing ACCJC and accreditation. SB 850: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program is not sponsored by the CCCCO or the BOG; revisions are due out next week reflecting conversations with stakeholders. It

seems to be moving toward applied degrees NOT currently offered by CSUs. No recent changes to report in federal legislation.

FON: Dan Troy reviewed the analysis provided with the agenda. It was noted that the FON was never intended to assist with 75/25 and that it is geared to 1988 numbers, so now has created some inequities among districts. CC discussed the larger issue of needing movement toward 75/25 and proposed asking for funds earmarked for FT faculty in this year's budget and next. Changing the FON formula was also discussed. Scott Lay volunteered to draft some principles for both short- and long-term solutions, including changes to the 2014-15 budget, changes to the FON calculation for 2015 and prioritization of funding for full-time faculty in all future budgets.

Budget: Hearings begin in April. Likely to be more revenue and a reduction of 3% growth proposal, with some being reallocated. CCCCCO reminded us to grow as much as we can in "quality areas." Dan Troy reported that the Assembly has an interest in increasing CTE funding. A question arose about needing to spend Student Equity funds quickly, but plans are not due until November 2014. CCCCCO acknowledged that some funding may need to be spent more quickly, at least in the first year. Lowering match for maintenance was mentioned. As for SSSP match, the CCCCCO is still proposing 3:1 for first 100 million, 2:1 for next, in the belief that the match requirements are broad enough that colleges can meet them. CC voiced some disagreement, especially for smaller colleges, and it was suggested that smaller districts might get an exemption or one-year waiver. In addition, there is some discussion about a growth formula that considers district demographics, but no proposal yet.

Baccalaureate Degree Update: Chancellor Harris noted that the legislation is likely to narrow and require more conversation with CSUs and UCs. He also noted that states WITHOUT shared governance have taken 3-4 years to implement similar degrees once legislation has passed. CC members voiced general support, but reiterated questions

about implementation and funding. The Chancellor requested that any local resolutions be sent to him. He is taking the position that it will be better for us to have few details in the legislation, with the exception that the Legislature should set fees so we do not have the responsibility or pressure to raise them. There was doubt that the degrees could be totally fee-supported – if they were, fees could be \$400 a unit or more. The Chancellor noted that if these degrees are implemented, it will be a huge impact on the state and our mission.

At this point, I had to leave the meeting – perhaps Erika Endrijonas can fill us in on the last two items. 😊 Have a good week.

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