

CONSULTATION COUNCIL

Summary Notes, June 17, 2010

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State Budget:

New Developments – A joint legislative Conference Committee took up Higher Ed issues on Wed, June 16. Major budget issues were not discussed, but they did discuss policy issues. It was disappointing that only Dept of Finance and LAO were allowed to speak. LAO took advantage of the podium, especially on the issue of increasing fees to \$40/unit, even though this was not in either the Assembly or Senate bills. The two main issues discussed were BSI funding and Financial Aid administration.

Basic Skills funding: cut to \$20 million from \$30 million by taking 20% (3.8mill) to a pay-for-performance allocation. Conference Committee rejected that proposal but charged the Chancellor to set up a working group to develop a model for the 2012-2013 budget.

Financial Aid Administration: a proposal to change the funding formula for Financial Aid Administration. The Senate wanted to change the allocation from the current policy (number of students on BOG) to the number of students participating in the Pell grant program. Conference Committee rejected this proposal and instead a working group will be established to develop a new funding model. AB 1897: a pilot program for incentivizing Pell grant participation. CCCCIO position: it would be better at the policy level rather than the budget.

SB 1143 (Liu) is the proposal to change the apportionment funding model from Census to an average number of students retained between a first and second census. This bill did not pass, but went back for reconsideration. The Chancellor had spoken to Senator Liu and others, and the bill changed when it went back to the floor. It was passed with new language, which had a broader view of student success, requiring that Sen Liu work with Jack to make the bill workable and to set some parameters. This will require two working groups (BSI and this one), which Eric Skinner stated are redundant and CCCCIO doesn't have adequate staff. The Chancellor has already begun working with Senator Liu to change the bill and changes have been made. He said that he will ensure a task force is a representative group. Important note: the language about setting aside funding for student success was removed from the bill.

There was considerable discussion about the bill and whether it is a simple matter of language change or a change to a "business model," and about whether we should be fighting the bill, not just changing the language. Consultation Council agreed that we should be crafting a unified message in opposition to SB 1143 so that we are consistent in our advocacy with our local legislators and in Sacramento. This will be an agenda topic at the August Consultation Council

Orientation. That group will form one unified message of our successes and how we can reform to improve student success.

The Student Senate has also strongly opposed SB 1143; they are also interested in increasing student success and want to be involved.

CCCCO has been doing a lot to inform the legislators about all that the community colleges are doing to improve student success: briefing of legislative staff; brown bag seminars on the BSI initiative and how CCC's have been implementing basic skills strategies; scheduling a meeting between the Chancellor and the Community College Caucus to provide them with information.

Accreditation Task Force:

The Chancellor gave an update about the efforts of the Task Force, which has sent a letter of complaint to the Department of Education about ACCJC's failure to follow its own by-laws. DOE sent the Chancellor a copy of a letter that they sent to ACCJC, with a June 11 deadline for response. We anticipate that the Chancellor will hear more from DOE about that response. There also was an article in *Inside Higher Ed* about the CCC discontent with ACCJC.

Steve Bruckner explained that the Commission is not a public agency, so it is not subject to the rules that we are accustomed to.

Renee Kilmer gave an update on the meeting between Barbara Beno and John Nixon, for the Commission, and Renee, Melinda Nish, and Jane Patton for the CIOs/Academic Senate. The four-hour meeting on *Training for Accreditation* was very productive, and resulted in agreement to collaborate on training sessions for the CIO conference: joint presentations and panels, interactive sessions with case studies and models.

Legislation Updates:

CCCCO supports or co-sponsored the following bills:

SB 1713 (Furitani): CCC Reporting Requirements – Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 2682 (Block): Student Assessments – Status: Senate Education

SB 1473 (Wyland): Bonds/Performance Audits – Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 1332 (Dutton): Rad Tech (to allow RT programs to use JRCERT without going to Dept of Public Health); Status: Assembly Health Committee

SB 1440 (Padilla): provides that a student who receives an Associate degree that meets IGETS or CSU breadth and has 18 units of emphasis (or a major) with a GPA of 2.0 will be admitted to a CSU at the junior level. It prohibits CSU from requiring students to repeat courses at the upper division level that they have taken at the community college (and is in their 60 transfer units) and

restricts CSUs from requiring more than 60 units of upper division there, except for high unit majors. Status: Assembly Higher Ed Committee.

Effective 2011-12: prohibits remedial, non-collegiate coursework from being counted toward the units required for the associate degree for transfer and prohibits a community college district from imposing any additional requirements to this degree. This bill does not affect degrees for other majors.

Other bills:

SB 82 (Hancock): Parking fees –Status: Assembly Higher Ed Committee; CCCCCO no position

AB 2523 (Eng): Apprenticeship: electricians – Status: Senate Labor Committee; CCCCCO oppose

Prerequisites:

Mark Wade Liu, representing ASCCC and Jane Patton, gave a brief update on the status of the prerequisite changes that went to Board of Governors for a first reading. Because of many concerns across the state, BOG will have a prerequisite study session at its July meeting, instead of the usual second reading. There will be information provided to BOG on the background as well as a FAQ sheet.

Student Senate Report:

The statewide Student Senate is holding elections on July 10 and 11. Their accomplishments this year include: training for new council members, review of Student Senate goals, endorsement and opposition to different legislation, and bringing thousands of students to the Capitol for various advocacy events.

As for the budget: they oppose student enrollment fee increases.

July Consultation Council meeting:

Depending on the budget information, there may or may not be a face-to-face meeting. If no new budget news, the July meeting will be a teleconference.