

AGENDA & NOTES
Consultation Council
Thursday, March 17, 2011
Chancellor's Office, Rm 3A and B
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
1102 Q Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

Eric Skinner chairs the meeting today.

1. February 17, 2011 meeting [summary](#) : Adopted

2. Information on the New Website for the Chancellor's Office

Site is designed to help students navigate our "system." Introductory email sent out via all listservs today.

New URL: <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>

3. State Budget Update

Dan Troy reports. No printed budget report is distributed nor is there any update post March 4 on the CCCCO website.

Mood is tense. Trailer bills have begun to be voted on. No agreement yet for taxes on the ballot. Reduction bills passed easily in the Senate yesterday, but not in the Assembly. It is now looking difficult for the ballot options.

Topics we are sure to see in discussion: (1) Pension reform, (e.g., caps on pension salaries); plus, (2) budget caps.

We may well see an all cuts budget in June.

Jack Scott: Plan B is no tax extension and we have an all cuts budget. This is a worst case scenario. We need to look at proportionality of the cuts within Prop 98. K-12 was not cut and we were (in this round)...we would look to see that the cuts are proportionate. We would continue to support a workload reduction. We must reduce students. Continue emphasize transfer, CTE and basic skills. Other areas (such as personal enrichment) must be cut. Try to give as much flexibility to colleges as possible.

We will become a different community college system. Some may go into bankruptcy. Small colleges would be most threatened. Reserves might help get through next year. We will know by the end of June what the actual budget scenario is. 400,000 students may be turned away.

CEO rep speaks to a need for "rules" to be disseminated as soon as possible and to begin a year of serious planning. Regional coordination could be part of the plan.

Senate raises the idea of being as pro-active as possible at this time.

Jack Scott says there will be no legal consolidation of districts. This is very difficult politically.

Scott Lay speaks to consolidating and centralizing certain operations such a data storage and payroll.

CIO rep speaks to regional cooperation and supports the CEO's call for a year of serious planning. Districts that are implementing 10 – 15% budget and corresponding workload reductions will be cutting entire programs.

There may be 112 different approaches to reducing/cutting programs. How do we assure cooperation/collaboration?

Jack Scott: Need to seriously consider the LAO's opinion on priority registration. We need to give entering high school grads priority reg. Repeatability is another issue that we should address. We are already rationing enrollment...so how do we WANT to ration? How SHOULD we ration?

Scott Lay: We need some state and system guidance.

Eric Skinner: there will be some state guidance -- no doubt some legislation on enrollment management as well as repeatability, PE, athletics, and unit caps. We need to be party to these negotiations so it is not simply imposed upon us. The districts should welcome some of this because it will help us explain it to our community. There will have to be local changes as well.

Senate: Local enrollment discussions need to be a combination of participatory governance as well as with the unions.

CCA/CTA: Concerned about cutting programs and about registration for particular programs. We are discussing cutting, but many districts remain over cap. Why is this?

CSSO: The San Diego District is over cap in great part due to the 50% rule.

Student Rep: Would like us to use more participatory governance approaches to program reductions/cuts that include students in the discussions.

From the Floor: Are there any other efficiencies we can enact (limiting W's, for example, not just how many per course, but a total number that once reached you can't register)?

Jack Scott: We need to take priority registration away from seniors and community members that are getting into our credit courses.

Student Rep: The students have voted to support a 150% unit cap.

4. Government Relations Update

Marlene Garcia reports.

Highlights – number of bills we are tracking has doubled from last year. Last year a lot of student service bills and CTE, but now bills on veterans, pensions and disclosure, as well as academic affairs related issues. See Tier 1 on Matrix.

See MATRIX here: <http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/Legislative%20Matrix%20%203-15-11.pdf>

See STATE update here:

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/GR/State/leg_updates/Legislative%20Update%20for%20March%20BOG_Final.pdf

State – AB 515 – Brownley to permit local boards to offer extension courses, directly to students, not just to employers, and allows the board to establish fees and costs not to come from general fund. This would be selling access to those who can afford it. Since those that can least afford it are going to the for-profits, why not compete?

Distance learning – two bills and not well developed. Both as a result of the LAOs report. AB 626 and AB 851. These bills suggest that we need to understand what is working in distance ed. Our definition of distance ed is 51%+ off campus, but CSU does not have a definition. These bills are suggesting we have a common definition. But this does not include hybrids. These bills will generate an important policy conversation.

Higher accountability: AB 2 (basically the same bill as already introduced earlier). SB 721 –Lowenthal. These bills are most likely on a two-yr track.

Dream Act Bills: AB 130 and AB 131 – allows AB 540 students financial aid. A lot of passion around this area. The League is a strong supporter of the Dream Act.

Concurrent enrollment: AB 160 – Portantino – wants to expand this. Probably on a 2 yr schedule as well. Has us educating high school basic skills...but we already have enough of our own students in basic skills. Jack Scott says that we should not be doing basic skills in the high schools. AB 835 (extremely flawed) would allow HS students to enroll in college courses (CTE) from outside of the college district and would have the Chancellor's Office oversee this.

AB 85 (Mendoza) security lock bill in case of a safety issue and that this should be part of construction and modernization regs.

AB 372, a group met yesterday, to see how we can provide credit for military training. Interest but complicated. Signals that this should be a 2yr bill.

There are several other veterans' bills: AB 649 extends priority registration from 2 to 5 yrs: SB 813 extends from 2 to 4 yrs.

Federal: still at impasse on budget -- still have worries about Pell grant cuts. Proposed cuts: \$5.6 billion is the Republican proposal, which is the worst case and we hope for less than that. People have been looking at how quickly Pell grants have expanded over the past two years. This is due to the economic downturn, but ALSO due to the for-profits. So there may be some look at containing costs by tweaking the regulations such as the income threshold, academic progress, etc. Partisan issue with Democrats wanting to limit Pells for-profit institutions and Republicans wanting to expand,

See the Federal update here:

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/GR/State/leg_updates/Federal%20Update%20for%20March%20BOG_Final.pdf

Thanks for those that participated in Advocacy Day. Discussion about the effectiveness of advocacy day. All in all, participants feel it was well worth the effort.

5. Student Senate Report – very brief. Introduced another student leader. March on March was successful.

6. Other – parcel tax outcome. Board member Reed asked for one-time exception. That option was written up, but the board voted to make a permanent regulation change which allows limited duration funds (such as those from a parcel tax) to be excluded in the calculation of full-time faculty hiring obligation number (FON).