

Greetings CIOs:

Yesterday, the Chancellor's Consultation Council met. The main topic of discussion was the budget.

There were four primary agenda items:

Budget report

Government relations report

Accreditation taskforce report

Hands Across California event

I have a brief summary of each and have attached the agenda with my notes which include most all of the comments made by meeting participants (in case you really want to know!). I've also included web links to the documents that were discussed in my summary below. (Please note that in the attachment there are embedded links, which are the words in blue font, for the minutes from the past two council meetings and for Hands Across CA.)

1. Budget Report - "not good but as good as it is going to get"

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/CFFP/Fiscal/Budget/Budget_Update_January_10_2011.pdf

- There was no new news...\$400 million cut, 1.9% growth paid by a \$10 fee increase, \$129 million additional deferrals (see the attached report for all the points and comments).
- Grave concern that this budget is based on the assumption of voters approving tax/revenue increases in June.
- Budget is being fasttracked. Governor Brown wants all reductions in place by March so he can focus on campaigning for the tax/revenue increases after that.
- Without the tax/revenue increase, we will have further reductions.
- A general call at the meeting for greater advocacy. We all need to help educate the public so that they understand we cannot increase efficiencies further, we cannot grow and at the same time absorb a \$400 million hit. The Chancellor is advocating a workload reduction given the apportionment cut. The outcome appears to be a general hit to ACCESS.

2. Government Relations Report - "AB 540, et. al."

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/GR/State/Matrix/Final_State%20Update_Consultation%20January%202011.pdf

- There are a series of bills related to AB 540 -- some which would extend residency status for fees/tuition/financial aid, and some which would actually repeal AB 540 (please see AB 130, AB 131, AB 26 and AB 63). Note that Chancellor Scott thinks that the "anti AB 540 bills" are expected to get out of committee.
- AB 91 is the same financial aid participation pilot bill that was vetoed last year.
- Still hoping to get into legislation common assessment and e-transcripts.
- Need to assist in advocacy and all are asked to urge PIOs to identify local legislators to help make our case.
- BOG and Chancellor's Advocacy day: March 8, 2011 (I will participate as a CCCCIO representative)

3. Accreditation Taskforce Report - "some progress" (no link, no documents distributed)

- Commissioner selection process has been changed as result of taskforce complaint to Dept of Ed, and DOE's finding of 4 violations w/ACCJC's process.
- ACCJC has worked with CIOs on joint training at CIO fall conference and has invited CIO participation in November ALO training.
- Number of sanctions appear to be decreasing.
- There is a general request that the taskforce keep working and not allow the accreditation issues to go to the back burner.

- The RP Groups final Accreditation Report is due out in 2 weeks. It suggests a merger of WASC and ACCJC to just one commission (all other regional accreditation commissions are NOT split as WASC and ACCJC are).

4. Hands Across California - "25 years later" (<http://handsacrosscalifornia.org/>)

- Hands Across California is a state-wide version of Hands Across America which was held 25 years ago
- This is raise CCC awareness and help increase donations to CCC's so that we can make our 50% match for the Osher funds
- April 17, 2011
- Need at least 1 million people holding hands from noon to 2 pm.
- Check out the website: theme song, photo and video contest.

So, the meeting ended on a high note!

Thank you for the privilege of representing you.

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