

Consultation Council

Thursday February 21, 2013

Agenda

Fifty % Law - Three colleges requested exemption: Lake Tahoe, Palo Verde and West Kern. While all were approved, questions arose regarding ending fund balance at the institutions, whether the colleges were "repeat offenders" and were there structural concerns that had not been addressed at the colleges. Frankly, many of us were surprised there weren't more colleges who were unable to meet the requirement. Needless to say, the conversation didn't address the real issue - is the 50% rule even an appropriate requirement for community colleges.

Student Senate update revolved around two items in particular - the March in March and a recent conference where students grappled with trying to define what "student success" means to students.

Under budget the discussion really centered on the Governor's Adult Education proposal and how that interacts with non-credit. Gov Brown is proposing that we get rid of non-credit, limits to five areas: Primary and secondary Ed, ESL, Vocational Ed, citizenship & disabled. There would be a weighted student formula with K12 big push first and if that happens then implementation of adult ed next. Legislature has had introductory overview hearings on adult ed but not on any specifics. Committees haven't gone through budget details. SSTF implementation has given CCC some standing with Leg so may help forestall more for the moment. Many think the 90 unit cap unnecessary since we are implementing SSTF and moving toward completion with self-regulation. Key dates for advocacy will be April 10 in the Assembly 4pm and 11th Senate 0930. No significant decisions until after May revise.

Governor wouldn't say all CCs must do Adult Ed but ..if funding goes away from HS, who else would do it? Tremendous community pressure could easily happen.