

Hello CIOs:

First, I would like to congratulate **Mary Kay Rudolph**, CIO at Santa Rosa Junior College, on being elected to the position of President-Elect of the CIO Executive Board. **Dennis Gervin**, CIO at Columbia College, is our incoming board president, and will take the reins on July 1st. I will take the role of past-president, and hopefully, pass along some wisdom from the lessons I have learned this year!

Second, I would like to give you my last Consultation Council Update of the meeting held this past Thursday, May 19th. You will find the annotated agenda below with links the supporting documents.

There were basically two topics of conversation – the budget outlook and AB 515.

The budget outlook was presented as a mostly bright picture in that “Scenario C” is “off the table.” The opinion was that we will end up with Scenario B as the most likely worst case, or Scenario A as the best case, or somewhere in-between. (The budget report is provided below in the link.)

AB 515 led to a rousing discussion of varying opinions. (The legislative update and the matrix of bills are provided below in links.) Chancellor Scott, Scott Lay (CCLC), and the CEO group spoke in favor of AB 515. All unions and the faculty senate spoke against. The CIO executive board has no consensus opinion on the bill. The CSSO group did not speak to this. Please read the comments I have recorded below of the conversation. I only provided the main topics as many participants basically repeated other’s views. That being said, the discussion was lengthy and lively. There are some strong opinions on this proposed legislation and I would encourage you to review the bill. The most recent version, dated May 10, 2011, may be reviewed using this link: http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0501-0550/ab_515_bill_20110510_amended_asm_v96.html.

Other items of interest:

Clean up of Title 5 non-credit course and program approval (see proposed language in link below).

No opposition at Consultation Council, will go to BOG for first read in July.

Governor’s executive order restricting travel (see link below) means that Chancellor’s Office staff will not be able to travel unless mission critical. If we are inviting staff to attend conferences we need to pay for their expenses.

Please peruse the annotated agenda below for more details of the meeting.

It been a pleasure to serve you and attend the Consultation Council meetings. The Executive Board is working on better communications and representation so stay tuned!

My best wishes to you all as you complete the 2010-2011 academic year. I know that this has been a time filled with uncertainty and cut-backs, but for all those students we were able to serve, we need to stand proud for a job well-done. Thank you for all you do, and Happy Commencement to everyone!

Melinda Nish, CIO

Orange Coast College

“We’ll help you get there!”

AGENDA & NOTES
Consultation Council
Thursday, May 19, 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

1. April 21, 2011 meeting [summary](#)

2. State Budget Update

Presented by Dan Troy.

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/CFFP/Fiscal/Budget/budget_update_May_17_2011_May_Revise.pdf

The May revise is out and is relatively good news for community colleges. The Department of Finance found an extra \$6.6B in anticipated revenues compared to January. Now the scope of the deficit problem is \$10.8B.

\$350 M more for community colleges but only for buying back deferrals, so the cut is still there and the fee increase is still there. There are still some budget uncertainties. The LAO analysis comes out today. The new revenues may make it more difficult to get tax extensions.

However, the Scenario C doomsday scenario is basically off the table now.

Also, the other good news is that no other items are on the table such as not funding athletics or changing funding to completion instead of census.

If the tax extensions don't pass then we could take away the deferral and use the deferral funds to backfill for not having the tax extensions.

Chancellor Scott again states that high school seniors need priority registration over continuing students with a high number of units and community members taking enrichment courses.

3. Government Relations Update

Presented by Marlene Garcia.

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/GR/State/leg_updates/Final_May%20State%20Update.pdf

<http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/GR/State/Matrix/Legislative%20Matrix%20%20205-20-11.pdf>

AB 515 is the bill receiving the most attention. It may be only a pilot. Should it be limited to only intersession and summer, limited to a specific number of colleges, limited in the number of years it can run? It seems there is more of a push for intersession/summer.

Chancellor Scott supports because students could get a Pell and CAL grants to cover the increased cost. Additionally, there are CTE programs that cannot operate/open without funds and potential students are leaving to for-profit institutions. It may be best that CCC's open these programs using the AB 515 model providing better quality and lower cost programs than for-profit institutions.

Scott Lay states that the League is in favor of trying AB 515 models due to enrollment caps and the extension programs at the CSU. Suggests that you don't open 515-type sections until you reach your cap. Also states that CCC 515-type sections would cost less than CSU extension courses.

Point of clarification – the Chancellor’s Office has not taken a position. This bill has significant policy implications and will most likely be a two-yr bill if it even makes it through appropriations.

The question is raised: Is this a long-term solution for a short-term problem?

There is no consensus among Consultation Council members on AB 515. There are more comments against the bill in its present form than support.

SB 760 (Alquist) related to SB 70 (budget trailer bill) as per reporting requirements created by SB 70. There is a desire to eliminate the reporting component (but this is now Federal law)...the state language asks for even more disaggregated information than the federal reporting requirements. Trying to reconfigure SB 70 so that it does not trigger federal reporting, or at a minimum, define state reporting so that we do not have to build new capacity (for example, only aggregated reporting).

AB 661 – applied baccalaureate degree – two colleges are identified for piloting this --Grossmont and San Mateo. Nursing is the area for Grossmont and bio lab tech is for San Mateo. The move toward hospitals requiring BSNs may be motivating this.

We don’t have to offer an applied BA...however, this is popular around the country where students don’t have access to transfer institutions which is not the case in CA. . There are other arrangements than actually having the CCC’s’ offer and confer the BA’s.

The Chancellor’s Office supports a “watch” opinion only.

4. Proposed Revisions to the title 5 [Regulations](#): Noncredit Course and Program Approval

See the digest in the link.

Largely a technical clean up. Consolidation of language. Approval process for non-credit courses and programs...all must be approved by the CO’s office. No change to funding. The 288 unit threshold of instruction is repealed. No issues with these revisions by the committee, therefore it will go forward to the BOG in July.

5. Governor's Executive [Order Limiting Travel](#)

See the Governor’s executive order in the link.

Goes into effect June 1st. In-state travel will need approval from the CO’s office. Must be mission critical, which does not include conferences, etc.

All out of state travel must be approved by the governor’s office.

Basically, all travel for Chancellor’s Office employees is curtailed to only mission critical and that which is paid for out of non-state funds.

6. Public Service Announcements/Ads

Ron Norton-Peel is creating PSAs (three de mo ads are shown, Ron will be doing final taping with Time Warner and ads will be aired on cable stations).

7. Student Senate Report

Students are in finals. AB 515 has mobilized students.

8. Other-- Update on SB 1440 – 88 colleges in the pipeline with AA-Ts in for approval. 7 colleges are compliant for the fall. Examples of approved degrees are posted on the website. 20 of the CSUs have identified at least one degree that was similar so this is moving well. UC is interested in the MATH TMC.

TEN approved TMCs are out now.

CSU would like us to have an e-transcript (which we are pursuing) and they would like us to give enrollment priority to SB 1440 students as well.

Meeting adjourned.