Hi all –

Consultation Council (CC) met on August 15, 2013, without the Chancellor present. Here is a brief description of the topics and discussion – you can find the agenda and digests on the CCCCO website at http://extranet.cccco.edu/SystemOperations/ConsultationCouncil/AgendasandSummaries/August2013.aspx:

- Student Senate Issues: they expressed concerns about the instability of CalWORKS funding, particularly in relation to continuity of positions. They presented information on AB 1358 (Fong) which would allow an additional $1 student fee to support their statewide group. CC took no position on this. They also spoke against AB 955, which the system also opposes.

- Legislative Update: A few brief notes about SB 173, Adult Education, which was made a two-year bill, and AB 1287, Cal Grants, which the system supports. SB 440 was referred to the Suspense File, but its future is unclear. The entire update is available as an attachment to the agenda.

- Revisions to Title 5, Section 58312: This is the section used to appoint the special trustee at CCSF; at this time, emergency provisions need to be made permanent. The main discussion was around the meaning of a college being "in jeopardy" of losing accreditation; CC members felt that was too broad and could extend to colleges who are merely on Probation or even Warning. It was suggested to add the word "imminent." The discussion then veered over to CCSF and the recent DOE letter to the ACCJC, about which the Chancellor's Office had no statement yet. It was decided, however, that the original members of the Chancellor's Accreditation Task Force should consider coming back together in light of the DOE position. Also, Beth Smith, Scott Lay and Steve Bruckman, among others, are actively working with CCSF to get them on track.

- Chapter 3 of BOG Standing Orders Changes: Barry Russell discussed a proposed Creative Commons license requirement for all materials produced with any grants funded by the Chancellor's Office, which has been done in other states. There was general approval from CC members.

- Budget: Dan Troy reviewed the current issue involving a discrepancy in how much backfill is needed relating to RDAs; the entire amount of the discrepancy is $85 million. The agreement is to examine three of the larger community college districts to attempt to figure out where the discrepancy is between the Department of Finance's numbers and the Chancellor's Office number. As for the 2014-15 request, the focus will be on acquiring a "continuous appropriation" so that the Community Colleges will be treated like K-12 districts in terms of budget guarantees, a "Super COLA" of more than 4% and access (growth) funding of about 2%. As noted in other venues, some districts have a much better ability to grow than others, so there is a difference of opinion about growth v. COLA. Troy did mention that the current 12-13 numbers do show that

growth is an issue. CC members discussed the need to fund quality, especially technology and instructional and library materials, and continuing structural deficit issues. Another broad concept discussed was equity statewide and ultimately putting dollars where students need them.

- **MQ Revisions**: The Academic Senate reviewed some discipline changes and their recommendation that a faculty member with an MA in a discipline generally NOT requiring a master's be required to have some related professional experience. As written, the amount of experience is not clear; CC members suggested clarifying that as two years.

- **Student Success Goal Setting**: Patrick Perry reviewed the metrics in place for CSU and UC, and the draft of metrics for CCC (which we will have to have in the next year or so). This draft will go to the Scorecard Advisory Committee for review. CC members questioned the decision not to include awards of less than 12 units (some of which lead to licensure); the definition of "excess units"; and, the disincentive to work with high schools on helping students place out of associate degree-level math and transfer English if we are being judged just on number of completions in those courses. CC also questioned the lack of inclusion of non-credit metrics. Ultimately, these measures may be additions to the Scorecard.

- **BOG Fee Waiver Exemptions**: Linda Michalowski reviewed some changes to the regulations, including the exemption for Foster Youth, who will not be subject to loss of the BOG Fee Waiver based on progress or academic probation. The regulations also add requirements for ensuring student support services and intervention efforts to help students avoid losing BOG Fee Waiver eligibility as well as a clear petition process to appeal the loss of eligibility. Several CC members expressed concern about whether colleges would offer sufficient services to help students avoid any disruption to their eligibility; the upcoming Student Support Services Summit scheduled for September 23rd and 24th in Sacramento was mentioned as one of the many ways that colleges will be informed of the requirements and how best to implement SB 1456 (Student Success Act).

That's it – contact either of us with any questions.

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