

Hi Colleagues – It was a relatively brief meeting last week. Of course, the May Revision was a major topic, as well as some updates on legislation. Here are a few things you probably want to know:

- Governor Brown, reputed Democrat, projects lower revenues than the LAO (<http://www.lao.ca.gov/reports/2014/budget/may-revision/overview-may-revision-051614.pdf>). Therefore, the May Revision seems overly conservative – a slight decrease in COLA to .85, a cut to scheduled maintenance and instructional equipment, no funding for professional development outside of SSSP and Student Equity, and the shifting of STRS costs beginning next year. Other changes since January are \$50M “to improve career technical education programs,” which may or may not be an increase to the current Doing What Matters structure; a decrease in growth funding from 3% to 2.75% to reflect the inability of many districts to ramp up quickly; and a CDCP rate increase for 2015-16. The general feeling was that the budget is still positive overall, with STRS being the biggest issue. There was optimism that the funding for instructional equipment could be restored to either a 50/50 split with scheduled maintenance or that the split could be left to local discretion.
- There was continued discussion about SSSP and Student Equity funding, with some progress in reducing or waiving the match requirements in some cases. A survey of districts may come out soon to determine how many will struggle with the match and may return funding. In addition, there is an intention to allow the funds to be spent broadly for student success – e.g., even on traditionally “instructional” items like PT office hours – all of which hinges on the content of local plans. The Chancellor reminded everyone that for this and other budget items, it is important to spend funds in this fiscal year.
- Some updates on state bills: AB 1451, Concurrent Enrollment,

moved to the suspense file after an amendment to prevent “supplanting” of HS classes by CCCs. The CCCO will attempt to move it off suspense and stress long-term cost savings of allowing HS students to accumulate college units early and avoid remediation. AB 2558 is moving forward, but without funding. SB 965 changed to a 3-year stabilization model for CCSF plus reporting requirements. SB 850, Baccalaureate Degrees, will be limited to 15 pilot sites – the fee structure is still unclear. The several accreditation bills have undergone changes – in particular, the Ammiano bill (2087) proposes guidelines for appointing a special trustee, which is still problematic given that each situation is unique.

- Regarding transfer to UCs, the governor recently stated that he would like to increase slots for our transfer students as opposed to entering freshmen. However, this would have limited impact on us given that many more of our students transfer to CSUs.
- The CEOs have prepared a letter for ACCJC about changes they would like to see. The CCCO expressed hope that ACCJC will extend the time for CCSF to meet standards, now that the DOE has stated that granting a time extension is within ACCJC’s authority.

That’s about it.....let me know if you have any questions. Have a great end of semester.

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