



# The Consultation Council

January 15, 2009

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## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

X	Burgess, Terrance	X	Lieu, Mark Wade	X	Young, Richael
X	Burke, Thomas	X	Milburn, Reid		Zacovic, Mark
X	Friedlander, Carl	X	Neault, Lynn	X	Bruckman, Steve
X	Gaskin, Lori	X	Patton, Jane	X	Scott, Jack
	Hansen, Richard	X	Payan, Manuel		
X	Harrington, Nicki	X	Reel, Ron Norton		
X	Hewitt, Bill		Villegas, Luis		
X	Lay, Scott	X	Wright, Sheri		

### X – Indicates attendance

Other Attendees: [Dennis Frisch](#), [Bob Owen](#), [Michelle Fischthal](#), [Theresa Tena](#), [Mary Gill](#), [Linda Michalowski](#), [Erik Skinner](#), [Chris Yatooma](#), [Carole Bogue-Feinour](#)

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Chancellor Jack Scott made introductory remarks at his first Consultation Council meeting. He spoke to Consultation about his first week on the job and his visit to Solano Community College. The Chancellor stated that he is looking forward to being an active listener and an advocate for the community college system.

**Meeting Summaries:** Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting.

### **System Budget Update:** by Erik Skinner

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner provided Consultation Council with the following update on the state budget crisis.

It's a unprecedented situation for the state. There have been waves of budget proposals since November 2008 however partisan politics is why the budget issues can't be resolved. The Democrats in the Legislature tried to break through the crisis on December 18<sup>th</sup> by trying to get around the two-thirds vote; however the Governor vetoed the package and came out with his own proposal on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Governors budget is a two year plan that requires a two-thirds vote. The Governor would like to come up with a bipartisan deal.

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner also stated:

1. The new budget relies on more cash deferrals and less on cuts. Staff at the System Office is currently working on a simulation of what this will look like for the colleges in order to determine if the proposal is workable.
2. Cal Grant payments are being delayed
3. There is no COLA.
4. Governor's proposal for 2009-10 includes 3% for enrollment growth.

5. The Department of Finance (DOF) believes community colleges are very important as an economic stimulus.
6. No fee increase in budget for community college students.

Members of Consultation Council asked how K-12 will be affected in 2009-10. The following information was given:

1. Current year K-12 loses the COLA and \$1.6 billion in general fund dollars.
2. 2009-10 no COLA for K-12 and a \$1.1 billion cut on top of that.
3. K-12 has an opportunity to get there COLA back in the future.
4. K-12 can reduce school year by 5 days to help with budget issues

#### **State and Federal Update;** by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated Consultation Council on the approach the System Office will take this year on legislation highlighting the following items:

1. The System Office will not pursue authors for economic stimulus or look at legislation that has a cost associated with it.
2. The System Office will provide technical assistance at the request of legislators or the Governor.
3. Assemblymember Paul Fong will be the author for the Foster Youth Residency bill.
4. February 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day to introduce bills.
5. The Board of Governors approved the legislative program forwarded from the Legislative Task Force.

For the federal update Vice Chancellor Garcia reported that the Chancellor's Office will be actively working with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and others to advocate for federal economic stimulus resources that directly benefit California community college students.

#### **Revised Version of the Response to Nancy Shulock's Report**

Scott Lay, President of the Community College League of California (CCLC) began the discussion on this item letting everyone know that the CCLC is still collecting feedback about the Nancy Shulock report that was part of the March 20, 2008 Consultation Council agenda.

This report will be part of the discussion at the California Forward meeting that will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Chancellor Jack Scott will be speaking at the event and would like to move the focus into a broader discussion on what community colleges are doing to contribute to student success.

#### **Student Senate Report:** by Richael Young and Reid Milburn

The Student Senate is planning a rally for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that will start at Raley Field and stop at the State Capitol (at the time of the meeting everything was not confirmed). The march should begin at 10:00 a.m. and the rally should start at 12:00 noon at the Capitol. More information about this event will be discussed at the February 2009 Consultation Council meeting.

The Student Senate General Assembly will be held on May 1-3, 2009 with the theme: Tools for a Stable Future, Fighting the Fiscal Meltdown.

**Update on Regulation Revisions:** by Steve Bruckman

Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman reported that there were unanticipated consequences from the revisions to the withdrawal and repetition regulations. Currently the CSSO's and the System Office are working together to clean up the changes and they will bring those to Consultation Council in February.

**Update on To Be Arranged (TBA) Hours:** by Steve Bruckman

This items discussed inquires received about Legal Advisory 08-02. The following areas of concern were discussed at Consultation Council:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Foreign Language Lab
3. Definition of regularly scheduled TBA hours

A follow up memo will be sent out within the next few weeks.