



# The Consultation Council

May 21, 2009

## Meeting Summary

### Consultation Council Members:

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

### **X – Indicates attendance**

Other Attendees: [John McDowell](#), [Bonnie Slosson](#), [Frederick Harris](#), [Paige Marlatt Dorr](#), [Anne McKinney](#), [Dale Shimasaki](#), [Irma Ramos](#), [Rita Mize](#), [Monica Souza](#), [Jonathan Lightman](#), [Bryan Ha](#), [Dean Murakami](#), [Fred Sherman](#), [Deborah Marmon](#), [Marlene Garcia](#), [Carole Bogue-Feinour](#), [Theresa Tena](#), [Erik Skinner](#), [Reid Milburn](#), [Dennis Frisch](#), [Renee Kilmer](#)

**Meeting Summaries:** Consultation Council reviewed the summary from the April 16, 2009 meeting.

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

Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner discussed the state budget. On May 14<sup>th</sup> Governor Schwarzenegger previewed his May Revision. More details will be released on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Based on the Governor's May Revision education may receive an \$825 million cut over the next two years. The state is facing a daunting cash flow problem. The Legislature is trying to resolve the budget issues now and will begin having Budget Conference Committee hearings as early as today.

Vice Chancellor Skinner also discussed system advocacy. We will advocate for smaller cuts, a fair share of federal stimulus money, and more flexibility with cuts.

Chancellor Scott stated that he is constantly advocating for the system and is in touch with the Administration. He also cautioned everyone to remember that this is a proposal and we need to do everything we can to get our message out about the importance of community colleges to the economic recovery of the state.

The May Revision includes the following cuts for California Community Colleges:

### Current Year (2008-09):

1. Defer an additional \$115 in apportionment payments from 2008-09 to 2009-10.

2. \$85 million in across-the-board cuts to categorical programs.
3. Broad flexibility for districts to spend categorical funds to meet local needs. This flexibility applies to all categorical programs except Financial Aid Administration and Cal Works.
4. The Administration estimates a \$42.1 million local property tax shortfall and proposes no backfill for the colleges.

Budget Year (2009-10):

1. \$344.3 million in across the board cuts to categorical programs.
2. Eliminate two percent enrollment growth, cut of \$116.8 million.
3. \$120 million cut to apportionments to implement LAO's recommendation to lower the funding rate for credit PE and "recreational" courses to non-credit rate.
4. The Administration projects a \$116.7 million local property tax shortfall and proposes no backfill for the colleges.

A budget summary can be found at the following link:

[http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/Executive/Consultation/2009\\_agendas/may\\_2009/budget\\_update\\_may.pdf](http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/Executive/Consultation/2009_agendas/may_2009/budget_update_may.pdf)

**Facilitated Discussion on Accreditation:** by Frederick Harris

Frederick Harris, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Facilities, facilitated the discussion on accreditation. Mr. Harris asked each Consultation Council constituent group to bring back their groups top five concerns about accreditation. Consultation Council discussed the following:

1. When a college/district receives recommendations from a visiting team those recommendations are often changed by the commission.
2. The cost of self studies.
3. Lack of opportunity for significant appeal.
4. Challenges in measures of diversity
5. Accreditation switching from a one-time event to an ongoing cycle.
6. Myths (example: Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) are why schools are sanctioned). Program Review, Planning and Improvement, and the Governing Cycle are why schools are sanctioned.
7. Members of the accreditation teams that visit the colleges/districts are not covering their areas of expertise.
8. The need for better soft skills when communicating with colleges/districts.
9. Barbara Beno appearing like she's not receptive to every constituent group.
10. Expanding the service cycle of commission member.
11. Receiving recommendations that are outside of the impact of the Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Some recommendations are going into collective bargaining.

**State and Federal Update:** by Marlene Garcia

Vice Chancellor Marlene Garcia updated Consultation Council on the status of the following legislation:

1. Board Sponsored Legislation

- AB 386 (Ruskin) Closed Captioning for Disable Students
- AB 669 (Fong) Foster Youth Residency

2. Key State Legislation

- AB 37 (Furutani) Honorary Degrees
- AB 440 (Beall) Student Transfer
- AB 551 (Furutani) Property Tax Revenues
- AB 1295 (Fuller) Nursing Degree Programs
- SB 195 (Florez) Equity in Higher Education Act
- SB 217 (Yee) Executive Officer Compensation
- SB 218 (Yee) Public Records: State Agency: Nonprofit Entity
- SB 386 (Runner) Textbooks
- SB 815 (Cogdill) National Guard Financial Aid

More information can be found at the following link:

[http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/ConsultationCouncil/MeetingAgendasandSummaries/2009\\_05\\_21\\_ConsultationCouncilAgenda/tabid/1609/Default.aspx](http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/ConsultationCouncil/MeetingAgendasandSummaries/2009_05_21_ConsultationCouncilAgenda/tabid/1609/Default.aspx)

**Recommendations from the Assessment Action Planning Group:** by Steve Bruckman and Mark Wade Lieu

An updated was provided on the activities of this APG. A full report will be provided at the next Consultation Council meeting.

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

Richael Young and Reid Milburn reported that the General Assembly was successful and that new Student Senate Officers will be elected on July 1<sup>st</sup>.