

January 15, 2026, Consultation Council Meeting Minutes

“Digest” means an item has been through internal review by the Chancellor’s Office and the review entities. The item now has form and substance and is officially “entered into Consultation.” The Consultation Council reviews the item and provides advice to the Chancellor.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Vice Chancellor Hetts called the Consultation Council meeting to order at 9:31 AM at the Chancellor’s Office in Sacramento, California, with members participating both in person and via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

The following Council Members were present:

Mario Rodriguez, ACBO

Daren Otten, ACCCA

Brittany Grice (for Charo Albarron),
ACHRO/EEO

LaTonya Parker, ASCCC

Robert L. Stewart, Jr., ASCCC

Jonathan Ausubel, CCA/CTA

Jim Mahler, CCC/CFT

Tina Recalde, CCCAOE

Isabel O'Connor, CCCCIO

K. Frindell Teuscher, CCCI

Sue Chan, CCCT

Tiffany Mok (for Pamela Ford), CCE/CFT

Larry Galizio, CCLC

Art Pimentel (for Willy Duncan), CEOCCC

Manuel Payan, CSEA

Henan L. Joof, CSSO

Sarah Thompson, FACCC

Jerry Reyes, SSSCC

Alisha Nagpal, SSSCC

The following Council Members were absent:

None

CONSULTATION COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

ACBO Association of Chief Business Officers

ACCCA Association of California Community College Administrators

ACHRO/EEO Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers

ASCCC Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges

CCA/CTA Community College Association/California Teachers Association

CCC/CFT Community College Council/California Federation of Teachers

CCCAOE California Community College Association for Occupational Education

CCCCIO California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers

CCCI California Community College Independents

CCCT California Community College Trustees

CCE/CFT Council of Classified Employees/California Federation of Teachers

CCLC Community College League of California

CEOCCC Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges

CSEA California School Employees Association

CSSO Chief Student Services Officers

FACCC Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges

SSCC Student Senate for California Community Colleges

Prepared by: Christina Castro, Consultation Council Liaison

AGENDA DIGEST ITEMS

1.1: Chancellor's Office Update

(Sonya Christian, Chancellor)

The Chancellor's Office presented updates on relevant developments and time-sensitive changes since the previous Consultation Council meeting, as well as digest items previously presented that may require additional consultation.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

1.2: Student Senate Update

(Jerry Reyes, President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges, and Alisha Nagpal, Vice President of Legislative Affairs (VPLA), Student Senate for California Community Colleges)

This digest item presented updates on the SSSCC current initiatives, legislative stances, system participation, and the status of the SSSCC Board of Directors.

Discussion Summary:

- CSEA commended the SSSCC's commitment to social justice.

1.3: Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs): Transfer Audit Recommendation 13 and Ongoing ADT Rationales Review Process

(James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, and Ginni May, Visiting Executive and Senior Advisor to the Chancellor)

This digest item presented the implementation of a new statewide process to request, review, and analyze college rationales for not offering ADTs and to identify systemic barriers to ADT availability.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

1.4: AI Corporate Partnerships

(Jory Hadsell, Executive in Residence, Strategic Technology Initiatives)

This digest item provided an update on the development and purpose of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and pilot projects with various technology partners.

Discussion Summary:

- CCCI inquired about how the AI partnerships are connected to and coordinated within the broader Digital Innovation portfolio.

- CCC/CFT asked who participates in assessing projects within the Chancellor's Office Innovation Lifecycle. The Chancellor's Office clarified the engagement and Consultation groups that provide analysis and noted that findings are presented through established processes, while encouraging additional feedback from the Consultation Council.
- CCCI echoed CCC/CFT's request for clarity regarding the groups providing analysis and advocated for increased opportunities for Consultation Council input.
- CCC/CFT expressed concern that Consultation Council constituent groups are not being consulted early enough in the development of AI initiatives.
- ACHRO/EEO recommended that responses to AI include consideration of workforce impacts and job instruction implications.
- CCE/CFT inquired about how duplicative efforts are vetted and avoided. The Chancellor's Office elaborated on the coordinating role of the Digital Center.
- FACCC raised concerns related to data security and intellectual property ownership associated with AI partnerships.
- CCLC raised concerns about false enrollments, noting the Chancellor's Office's role in supporting districts and providing vetting.
- ASCCC commended the Chancellor's Office for the work completed on this digest item and the overall direction of the initiative.
- FACCC additionally raised concerns about the environmental impacts of AI, particularly related to energy consumption.
- CCCI noted that AI represents a disruptive technology with significant implications for faculty and the workforce.
- CSEA expressed concerns about AI's rapid impact on labor and the job market, noting that the pace of change is affecting curriculum development and underscoring the need for continued dialogue.
- FACCC referenced feedback from faculty leadership perspectives, citing tension between AI-driven programs and expectations for meaningful human interaction in instruction.
- The Chancellor's Office emphasized equity-driven, no-cost access to AI tools alongside continued partnerships, including collaboration with ASCCC, to support faculty professional development and respond to workforce expectations.

1.5: State and Federal Update

(David O'Brien, Vice Chancellor, External Relations, and Linda Vazquez, Assistant Vice Chancellor, State and Federal Relations)

This digest item provided an update on State and Federal policy issues, advocacy priorities, and legislation.

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Discussion Summary:

- The Chancellor's Office provided the [Joint Analysis on the Governor's Budget](https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/budget/2026_Joint-Analysis-Governors-Budget.pdf) (https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/budget/2026_Joint-Analysis-Governors-Budget.pdf).

1.5: Other

(Rowena Tomaneng, Deputy Chancellor)

This digest item provided members of the Consultation Council with an opportunity to make announcements or seek collaborations that will help our system better serve students.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.