

October 16, 2025, 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.

Deputy Chancellor Tomaneng called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

The following Consultation Council (Council) members were present:

Daren Otten, ACCCA	Sue Chan, CCCT
LaTonya Parker-Parnell, ASCCC	Larry Galizio, CCLC
Robert L. Stewart, Jr., ASCCC	Willy Duncan, CEOCCC
Randa B. Wahbe, CCA/CTA	Manuel Payan, CSEA
Jim Mahler, CCC/CFT	Oranit Limmaneeprasert, FACCC
Tina Recalde, CCCAOE	Jerry Reyes, SSSCC
Isabel O'Connor, CCCCIO	Alisha Nagpal, SSSCC

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

AGENDA DIGEST ITEMS

Digest Item 1.1: Chancellor's Office Update

(Chancellor Christian)

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 comments.

Digest Item 1.2: Student Senate Update

(SSCCC President Reyes and VPLA Nagpal)

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:

No comments.

Digest Item 1.3: Proposed Regulatory Action: Alternative Methods of Awarding Credit

(Vice Chancellor Todd and Visiting Executive Ginni May)

This digest item presented proposed regulatory changes to Title 5 regarding alternative methods of awarding credit.

Discussion Summary:

- CCCAOE requested clarification on Section 55050, subsection (b) regarding student portfolios, now referred to as authenticated competencies. The Chancellor's Office confirmed that portfolios would not be excluded.
- FACCC asked about Section 55052, External Standardized Examinations, specifically the Defense Language Proficiency Test and instructor training. The Chancellor's Office clarified that districts may accept this test for credit; however, no statewide training is planned.
- ASCCC inquired about Section 55052, subsection (a) and its impact on transferability. The Chancellor's Office clarified that the provision applies to community college degrees only and does not affect transfer to CSU or UC.

Digest Item 1.4: Full Time Faculty Obligation Number

(Executive Vice Chancellor Ferguson)

This item provided information to the Consultation Council related to the Board of Governors' review of whether the Budget Act of 2025 provides adequate funding to support an increase in districts' full-time faculty hiring obligation for Fall 2026.

Discussion Summary:

- CCC/CFT asked about the replacement cost a district would incur if it does not meet the Full-Time Faculty Obligation (FON).

Digest Item 1.5: State and Federal Update

(Vice Chancellor O'Brien and Assistant Vice Chancellor Vazquez)

This digest item provided Consultation Council with an update on state and federal efforts.

Discussion Summary:

- CCCAOE asked when the Chancellor's Office guidance on Assembly Bill (AB) 323 and whether the changes to short-term Pell Grants would be provided. The Chancellor's Office stated that guidance is forthcoming.
- CSEA asked about AB 1098, Senate Bill (SB) 638, and the addition of Diwali to the state holidays list. The Chancellor's Office explained that the Governor's signature indicates support for intersegmental collaboration and noted that Diwali will take effect next year, with districts able to adopt it voluntarily.
- CCLC asked whether guidance on implementing SB 98 will be provided. The Chancellor's Office stated guidance is forthcoming, though no timeline is established.
- FACCC highlighted its sponsorship of SB 241, which would require certain student support services to be provided by humans rather than artificial intelligence.
- CEOCCC suggested any nursing bachelor's degree legislation should be approached regionally rather than statewide, as some regions may lack partnerships with CSUs or UCs.

Digest Item 1.6: Other

(Deputy Chancellor Tomaneng)

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

Discussion Summary:

- CCCCIO requested an update on pending Baccalaureate Degree Programs, including report receipt and a projected timeline. The Chancellor's Office confirmed that all reports have been received except for one program still under review and noted that establishing a timeline is difficult due to steps requiring action from external parties.

Provided by: Christina Castro, Consultation Council Liaison

- CCLC expressed concern that the current process lacks transparency and favors institutional impact over statewide need and requested legislative changes. The Chancellor's Office explained the causes of the delays and committed to sharing information as it becomes available.
- CCLC requested that updates on the Baccalaureate Degree Program become a standing agenda item, which was supported by CCCCIO.
- CCC/CFT raised concerns about Element 451 and the AI Fellowship Program's potential job impacts, noting that the program had not been previously discussed at the Consultation Council, and requested that these items be addressed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.