

April 16, 2026, Consultation Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chancellor Tomaneng called the Consultation Council meeting to order at 9:32 AM virtually with members participating via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

The following Council Members were present:

Mario Rodriguez, ACBO	K. Frindell Teuscher, CCCI
Charo Albarron, ACHRO/EEO	Sue Chan, CCCT
LaTonya Parker, ASCCC	Tiffany Mok (for Pamela Ford), CCE/CFT
Robert L. Stewart, Jr., ASCCC	Larry Galizio, CCLC
Jonathan Ausubel, CCA/CTA	Henan L. Joof, CSSO
Tiffany Mok (for Jim Mahler), CCC/CFT	Sarah Thompson, FACCC
Tina Recalde, CCCAOE	Alisha Nagpal, SSSCC
Isabel O'Connor, CCCCIO	

The following Council Members were absent:

Daren Otten, ACCCA	Jerry Reyes, SSSCC
Willy Duncan, CEOCCC	

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

MEETING DIGEST ITEMS

“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.

Item 1: Chancellor's Office Update

Contact: 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:

- CCC/CFT and CCE/CFT commended the work reflected in the digest item.
- ASCCC commended the work reflected in the digest item.

Item 2: Student Senate Update

Contacts: 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:

- No discussion.

Item 3: Proposed Regulatory Action: Distance Education

Contact: James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

This digest item presented the proposed regulatory actions that seek to provide updates to distance education content in title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

Discussion Summary:

- ASCCC initiated a discussion regarding potential regulatory changes related to accreditation and Regular Substantive Interaction (RSI) requirements.
- The Chancellor’s Office (CO) confirmed that the ACCJC has not implemented any changes to its current guidance or expectations regarding RSI.
- CCA/CTA requested clarification concerning the removal of the 51% threshold, and how courses are classified as Distance Education (DE) courses.

Prepared by: Christina Castro, Consultation Council Liaison

- The Chancellor’s Office clarified that if more than 50% of a program’s courses are offered via distance education, the entire program is considered a Distance Education program.

Item 4: Annual Fiscal Health Report and the Fiscal Forward Sessions

Contact: Chris Ferguson, Executive Vice Chancellor

This digest item provided an annual update on the fiscal health and resiliency of California’s community college districts, including assessment results from the 2024–25 fiscal year and continued implementation of the Fiscal Forward initiative.

Discussion Summary:

- FACCC raised concerns regarding limited staff capacity to support expanded fiscal oversight, ongoing fiscal challenges and disparities under the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), and the absence of a clear support toolkit for districts, particularly those in high cost-of-living regions.

Item 5: State and Federal Update

Contacts: David O’Brien, Vice Chancellor, External Relations, and Linda Vazquez, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Government Relations

This digest item provided an update on State and Federal policy issues.

Discussion Summary:

- The Chancellor’s Office provided the [Government Relations “Tracked Legislation”](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation) (<https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation>) for ongoing legislative updates.
- The Chancellor’s Office also shared the [Final Gender Equity Report](https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/report/2025-Gender-Equity-Report.pdf) (<https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/report/2025-Gender-Equity-Report.pdf>) for informational review.
- ACHRO/EEO raised questions regarding recent executive orders related to DEI, discrimination, and federal contracts, and expressed concern about potential impacts to financial aid.
- The Chancellor’s Office indicated that there are no current indications of any impacts to financial aid.

Item 6: Other

Contact: 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 11:14 AM.