

February 19, 2026, Consultation Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Chancellor Tomaneng called the Consultation Council meeting to order at 9:33 AM virtually with members participating via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

The following Council Members were present:

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

The following Council Members were absent:

Daren Otten, ACCCA	Manuel Payan, CSEA
Charo Albarron, ACHRO/EEO	Jerry Reyes, SSCCC
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
SSCCC	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

Presenter: 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.

Item 2: Student Senate Update

Presenters: 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 SCCC current initiatives, legislative stances, system participation, and the status of the SCCC Board of Directors.

Discussion Summary:

- No discussion.

Item 3: Compliance with the Fifty Percent Law

Presenter: Chris Ferguson, Executive Vice Chancellor

This digest item provided the required annual update on district compliance with the Fifty Percent Law, as specified in Education Code Section 84362 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, sections 59200–59215.

Discussion Summary:

- CCA/CTA raised questions regarding interfund transfers for colleges that requested exemptions.
- FACCC expressed concerns about the concept of hardship, noting that some qualifying circumstances may be beyond a college’s control.

- CFT questioned the connection between hardship determinations and MSI reductions, particularly given the restoration of MSI funding, and inquired about the Board of Governors' authority to establish enforcement mechanisms.
- CCLC asked whether the Fifty Percent Law formula measurably impacts student success and suggested studying the issue through limited, long-term exemptions for a select group of colleges.
- The Chancellor's Office noted that existing statute does not currently permit such exemptions.
- ACBO emphasized the importance of long-term program planning and reiterated the need for continued advocacy for additional resources, including the Student Success Block Grant and the Student Equity and Achievement Program.
- CCA/CTA cited fiscal portal data reflecting increasing balances and questioned why those funds are not being reinvested into instructional spaces.
- The Chancellor's Office reported that a state audit of district reserve balances is currently underway.

Item 4: Proposed Regulatory Action: Academic Renewal

Presenter: Stacey Shears, Vice Chancellor, Student Services

This digest item provided the first reading of the proposed regulatory changes to amend Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 55046, Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition.

Discussion Summary:

- ASCCC, FACCC, and CCA/CTA commended the work reflected in the digest item.

Item 5: Assembly Bill (AB) 2821 Disability Compliance Training Overview

Presenter: Stacey Shears, Vice Chancellor, Student Services; and Abdimalik Buul, Visiting Executive

This digest item provided an overview of statewide disability access and compliance training required under AB 2821.

Discussion Summary:

- The Chancellor's Office shared the [AB 2821 Disability Compliance Training Memo](https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/memo/ess-26-07-ab-2821-update-disability-compliance-training-required-a11y.pdf) (https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/memo/ess-26-07-ab-2821-update-disability-compliance-training-required-a11y.pdf)
- FACCC commended the work reflected in the digest item and encouraged further inquiry into how the system can continue advancing as a statewide resource for Californians with disabilities.

Item 6: Proposed Regulatory Action: Climate Action and General Education

Presenters: James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Ginni May, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Visiting Executive, ESS; and Carla Grandy, Chancellor's Office Lead Climate Fellow

This digest item provided proposed regulatory action seeks to amend Associate Degree Course Requirements in section 55061 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to align with systemwide efforts in teaching and learning regarding climate action and environmental impact.

Discussion Summary:

- CCCCIO commended the work reflected in the digest item.

Item 7: State and Federal Update

Presenters: 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.

Discussion Summary:

- The Chancellor's Office shared the [Trump Administration's Executive Order on accreditation](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/reforming-accreditation-to-strengthen-higher-education/) (https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/reforming-accreditation-to-strengthen-higher-education/) and the U.S. Department of Education's list of issues scheduled for discussion during [April's Negotiated Rulemaking process](https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2026-01620.pdf) (https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2026-01620.pdf).
- FACCC stated its opposition to the policy direction reflected in these items.
- CCA/CTA expressed agreement with FACCC's position.
- ASCCC indicated its intent to remain fully engaged in the related policy discussions.

Item 8: Other

Presenter: 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 11:19 AM.