

September 18, 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 9:31 a.m.

The following Consultation Council (Council) members were present:

Mario Rodriguez, Association of Chief Business Officers (ACBO)
Daren Otten, Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA)
Charo Albarran, Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers (ACHRO/EEO)
Cheryl Aschenbach, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
Robert L. Stewart, Jr., Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
Randa B. Wahbe, Community College Association/California Teachers Association (CCA/CTA)
Jim Mahler, Community College Council/California Federation of Teachers (CCC/CFT)
Tina Recalde, California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE)
Isabel O'Connor, California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO)
K. Frindell Teuscher, California Community College Independents (CCCI)
Sue Chan, California Community College Trustees (CCCT)
Pamela Ford, Council of Classified Employees/California Federation of Teachers (CCE/CFT)
Larry Galizio, Community College League of California (CCLC)
Willy Duncan, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC)
Manuel Payan, California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Henan L. Joof, Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO)
Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges (FACCC)
Jerry Reyes, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)
Alisha Nagpal, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

CONSULTATION COUNCIL ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

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FACCC	Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges

AGENDA DIGEST ITEMS

Digest Item 1.1: Chancellor's Office Update

(Chancellor Christian)

The Chancellor's Office (CO) 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:

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:

- FACCC expressed their appreciation and noted they are impressed with the work and efforts of the SSSCC.

Digest Item 1.3: Development of Systemwide Policy/Guidance on Use of Artificial Intelligence

(Visiting Executive Hayward)

This digest item discusses the development of policies and guidance on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into instruction, student support, administration, and operations in the system.

Discussion Summary:

- CCLC expressed appreciation that the Chancellor's Office consistently uses the term guidance in presented materials, noting that this reflects the intent to support districts rather than enforce compliance. This approach acknowledges the districts' authority to develop their own policies. CCLC also inquired whether any complaints have been received regarding shared governance at the colleges.
- CCA/CTA emphasized the importance of academic freedom and faculty control over instructional materials, noting that AI should serve to support, not replace, faculty and staff. They also expressed the need for strong guardrails to protect privacy.
- FACCC expressed that the language regarding local shared governance should be strengthened. They inquired about the extent of faculty input on the AI Council and raised concern that the partnership with Google had not been presented to the Consultation Council.

- CO emphasized that the recent Canvas announcement was unexpected, noting that the Chancellor's Office had been vetting AI tools with faculty over the summer, and reiterated that engagement with Google is a local decision.
- CCE/CFT expressed concern about consultation with employees potentially affected or replaced by AI tools. They urged that impacted workers have a voice, ideally through collective bargaining, and stressed the importance of maintaining human oversight.
- CCCI raised concerns about AI integration in Canvas, the lack of prior consultation on the Google partnership, use of faculty materials without consent, and possible accreditation implications.
- CO noted that the Google partnership was discussed with the AI Council, emphasized preserving instructor–student interaction, and stated that the Accrediting Commission is reviewing AI's impact on standards.
- CO clarified that work impacts and labor negotiations are strictly local and that the Google MOU does not require districts to use Google's AI tools.
- CSEA raised a question regarding who is responsible for maintaining information at colleges in light of recent changes in federal immigration enforcement.
- CO clarified that the management of personal information for staff and students is handled locally.
- ASCCC expressed appreciation for the emphasis on local control of AI implementation and requested greater consultation with faculty at the state level.
- CCCCIO emphasized the importance of clearly distinguishing whether communications represent guidance, policy, or regulation.
- ACHRO expressed concern about a potential rise in grievances related to information security and privacy, as well as the impact of AI applicant screening on EEO and diversity efforts.
- CEOCCC expressed agreement with earlier comments emphasizing state guidance while respecting district autonomy.

Digest Item 1.4: State and Federal Policy Update

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

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

Discussion Summary:

- CSEA and CCCAOE discussed the requirements and likelihood of AB 1400 passing, noting that a similar bill was vetoed last year but has since been revised to address previous concerns.
- CEOCCC emphasized the importance of showing support for AB 1400 to the Governor's Office and inquired about additional ways to help secure its approval.

- FACCC expressed concern that fewer foreign-born students may enter allied health programs under the current federal administration.
- CCLC stated their opposition to using Prop 98 funding for set-asides or in-support for the Chancellor's Office.
- FACCC suggested that the Chancellor's Office explore non-Prop 98 funding to support its operations

Digest Item 1.5: 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.

- FACCC raised the topic of the Consultation Process for systemwide technology but noted it was adequately addressed under item 1.3.
- FACCC requested discussion on the September Consultation Council being moved to a virtual format, emphasizing the need for earlier notice as some participants had already booked hotels.

Discussion Summary:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.