

Dear CIOs,  
 The Board of Governors met earlier this week and highlights of their meeting follow:

▪▪▪▪▪ ***Morgan Lynn Recognized***

At the beginning of the meeting, Chancellor Woodruff was kind enough to give me a few minutes so that I could introduce Morgan Lynn to the BOG. It was an opportunity for us to recognize Morgan for her 27 years of service to the system as well as to share with the BOG why she was selected last spring at our conference to receive the Carter Doran Leadership Award. Much to Morgan’s surprise, many supporters (particularly a lot of her former colleagues from Sierra College) were in attendance – she is very much beloved!!

▪▪▪▪▪ ***08/09 System Budget***

**Presented by Erik Skinner, Vice Chancellor, Fiscal Policy**

Vice Chancellor Skinner presented the 08/09 System Budget proposal to the BOG. In earlier emails, I have briefed you on this proposal so I won’t go into too much detail here other than to say that the process for development was very collaborative and inclusive. Vice Chancellor Skinner was praised by many groups (particularly the faculty groups) for “thinking outside the box” in terms of how to most effectively package the system’s needs. In particular, Vice Chancellor Skinner received accolades for repositioning the budget proposal around the system’s strategic plan and trying new tacks with those items which we need and always ask for but don’t seem to be able to make a convincing argument (e.g., funding for full-time faculty positions). Highlights are in the following chart. For a thorough explanation of the system’s, check out the details through the link. Remember that 08/09 is projected to be a very tight budget year. However, the 08/09 Budget Workgroup felt that the system budget proposal had to reflect actual needs and could not (and should not) be pared down in anticipation of a tight budget environment (that is, we need to keep making our needs known).

3%	COLA
3.5%	Enrollment growth
\$30 million	Career Development & College Preparation (aka, enhanced noncredit funding)
\$9.75 million	Strengthen college/high school partnerships
\$50 million	Basic skills initiative (includes \$10 million for faculty positions in basic skills)
\$37.1 million	Restoration and building matriculation services (includes not only the restoration for matric but also \$10 million for counseling faculty positions and \$12 million to implement changes/enhancements to assessment)
\$11 million	Strengthen transfer activities
\$45 million	Full-time faculty positions
\$48 million	CTE expansion
\$72 million	Part-time faculty support (\$15 million health insurance; \$50 million compensation equity; \$7 million office hours)
\$10 million	Professional and staff development

The BOG adopted this 08/09 budget.

▪▪▪▪▪ ***Recommendations on State Legislation***

**Presented by Marlene Garcia, Vice Chancellor, Governmental Relations and External Affairs**

Vice Chancellor Garcia presented two bills for BOG support:

[AB1595](#) would establish a process, including specific criteria, a community college would be required to use should it elect to use multi-criteria screening measures to evaluate candidates for admission to RN programs.

[SB890](#) would establish the Early Commitment to College program. The program is designed to increase high school completion rates, college-going rates, and college preparation of the lowest income pupils in the state.

The BOG supported both bills.

▪..... ***BOG Meeting Location for November 2009***

Just in case you are from one of these colleges/districts, I thought I would give you some advance information! The BOG is considering one of the following locations (no priority order) for their November 2009 meeting:

*City College of San Francisco*

*Santa Rosa Junior College*

*San Mateo County CCD*

*Foothill-DeAnza CCD*

*West Valley-Mission CCD*

*El Camino/Compton*

▪..... ***Assessment Task Force Informational Item***

**Presented by Mark Wade Lieu, President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and Chair of the Assessment Task Force; Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Carole Bogue-Feinour; and Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Special Programs, Linda Michalowski**

As you will recall, the Assessment Task Force formed following the BOG action on March 6, 2007 whereby the Board directed the “*Chancellor to begin the process of evaluating the implementation of a systemwide uniform, common assessment with multiple measures of all community college students...*” Further, they asked that the Board be provided with recommendations no later than November 2007. The Task Force has been working diligently over the summer and undertook, as its first task, the development of a survey on assessment practices. They received an astounding 100% response rate (109 colleges) from this recently-distributed survey. The results of this survey, which are being analyzed at this time, will inform the Task Force’s report and recommendations that will be brought to the BOG in November. Mark did provide to the BOG a few initial insights garnered from the survey results:

- (1) There is a perception that colleges do not recognize assessment results from other institutions. However, the survey indicates that this is not necessarily the case; many colleges do indeed accept and use the assessment scores from other colleges.
- (2) There is a perception that there are dozens of different assessment instruments in use by colleges. That has proven not to be the case (with the exception of essay assessment tests –which are locally developed). Early findings indicate that colleges across the state primarily use 3 assessment instruments.
- (3) More than 10% of all math and English assessments are administered at high schools.

For further information on this Task Force information item, call Pam Eddinger (CIO at Moorpark College) is our representative to the Task Force.

Hope you enjoyed this recap!

Lori