

Good Morning CIOs:

Last Thursday the Chancellor's Consultation Council met in Sacramento. The first half of the meeting was an orientation for council members, which I will not report on. The second half of the day was the regular meeting and there were two primary topics of discussion. The first was an update on the work and progress of the Student Success Task Force, as required by SB1143. The second was a discussion of the issue of instructional material fees, in particular those associated with online learning supplements.

As I am a member of the SB 1143 Student Success Task Force, I will send out a separate report to the field this week.

The highlights of the Consultation Council are pasted in below. Please note that there are some links embedded (blue font) with supporting documents as well as those that I have attached. I would recommend you take the time to review the State Legislative Update and Matrix (attached).

Your feedback on Consultation Council agenda items is welcome! Please communicate your ideas to your Regional Representative, or directly to any member of the Executive Board. I am happy to hear from you directly. The next Consultation Council meeting will be held September 15th.

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AGENDA and NOTES

Consultation Council

Thursday, August 18, 2011

Chancellor's Office, Rm 3A and B

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1102 Q Street, 3rd Floor

Sacramento, CA 95811

1. June 16, 2011 meeting [summary](#)

2. State Budget Update Dan Troy discusses mid-year triggered cuts. Revenues will be assessed by December 15 and if short by a billion or more we will have \$30 mill cut and fee increase...could go up to \$72 mill cut depending on the assessment. Current indicators would predict mid-year cuts. Imposing a new fee in December-January will not be feasible so there is a proposal to move the fee increase forward to the summer. It looks likely that this fee moving proposal will be accepted.

3. 2012–13 System Budget [Request](#) The key focus for the budget request is restoration of categorical budgets, COLA, and workload reductions.

4. Government Relations- Please see the St. Legislative Update and the Matrix, which are attached.

AB1029 stand alone course has been passed and chaptered...allowed for one more year. Legislature is very interested in what these courses are. We need to be on notice. Next year will be required to provide report on how many and what are they.

Bills that are being watched and/or supported:

1. AB 743 and AB 1056 common assessment and electronic transcripts. Both highlight system-wide approaches.
2. AB 194 priority enrollment to foster youth.
3. AB 684 would allow districts to change election formats.
4. SB 292 Padilla cleanup bill to 1440. Requires reciprocity.

Others:

1. AB 372 Hernandez requires to accept credit for military service. Not supporting since we already use ACE guidelines for credit.
2. Little Hoover commission is continuing their report on CCC reform. They will be meeting in Sacramento shortly.
3. Senate sub committee on higher Ed looking on closing down CPEC.
4. A series of bills addressing pension reform and bills dealing with executive compensation are in the works and are being watched by the Chancellor's Office.

Federal update – Please see the Federal Update attached.

The two issues are the debt ceiling and gainful employment.

Debt ceiling has impact on Pell grants. Most discussions are around eligibility conditions. Trade adjustment act (TAA) gives 500 million in grants to colleges, but could be reduced or eliminated in future.

Gainful employment requirements, first round compliance has been achieved. October 2nd requirement has been pushed back to November. More complex reporting requirements and there is an effort at Chancellor's Office to help coordinate.

5. Revisions to the Disciplines [List](#) Senate reports. No questions are raised. See the digest.

6. Update on the Student Success Task Force: Chancellor Jack Scott gives the update.

After the September meeting the task force will have a draft of recommendations that will go out to the field. The draft will be finalized in November and December. This final set of recommendations will be presented in January to BOG and a report to the legislature in March.

The aim is to improve student success. SB 1440 is a step in this direction already. Emphasis on SEPs and providing more structure to students aimed at improving student success.

Performance based funding did not have consensus but there are some principles that are presented.

It is expected that each group will be able to weigh in on the draft report. Chancellor Scott stresses that input will be considered but no input has veto power.

The task force will have to vote on their report and then the BOG will make the final decision. Right now it is in the hands of the task force to finish their task and then it will move out to the field.

7. Minimum Qualifications Handbook: included in the disciplines list item.

8. Instructional Materials Fees – Please see the attached memo.

This issue has received recent press coverage revolving around Foothill College where a student complained they were required to pay for an online resource (My Math Lab).

The Chancellor's Office investigated and also convened an ad hoc task force meeting. See the attached memo which includes the participants at the meeting. It was determined by the Chancellor's Office that Foothill was not doing anything contradictory to our fee policy. Tangible personal property was determined to have been met since students could print and download and keep online materials.

However, our current rules as per instructional material fees are strained by the new instructional technology that is being used and determined to be instructional materials. We need to keep affordability in mind and to allow faculty to use the best tools that exist to support students. More groups will be convened and more work will be done with the Academic Senate.

If you can't print and can't save online supplements, then you should not be charging a fee.

We have not compared our practice with CSU or UC.

Affordability issue has come up frequently. Chancellor's Office remains committed to affordability.

Academic Senate has had a robust discussion and recommends revising regulations.

Consensus on the need to revise/update the regs...Title 5 59400 - 59402.

There is a question of how long the student should have access to materials.

9. Student Senate Report ... Working to rebuild trust and a new beginning. Major focus and goal that student senate is a positive influence that truly represents students. General assembly in San Jose November 4 - 6 and March on March, March 5. The students are supporting an oil tax that would bring additional funds to community colleges and will be sending out information soliciting support from other groups.

10. Meeting adjourned.