

The Consultation Council met yesterday, October 21, 2010. The meeting was essentially three distinct topic areas with considerable discussion. I'll provide a summary below, with my more detailed notes attached. Please note that within my attached "CC Agenda and Notes 10-21-10" there are links (in blue font) to some of the supporting documents. Documents not linked are attached to this message.

First, FINANCES: Erik Skinner presented a budget update, the Faculty Obligation Number recommendation, and the changes proposed for new college and center funding.

- Budget Update: "This budget has been built on shaky stilts." We have 2.21% growth, which after the workload reduction of 3.39%, equals being at 1% LESS than we were funded in 08-09. The deferrals in the budget are extremely problematic as they are payments being made after the fact and could be eliminated in mid-year cuts because it is relatively easy to cut something you have not paid. \$32,883,000 less overall in categorical funding. Inter-year payment deferrals total \$832 million. PLEASE SEE THE BUDGET UPDATE document attached.
- Faculty Obligation Number: The faculty unions, FACCC, and ASCCC all spoke in favor of NOT freezing the FON and therefore mandating districts to hire more full-time (FT) faculty. CCLC was not in agreement and recommended asking the BOG to freeze the FON again this year. Jack Scott's remarks suggest that he will recommend to freeze the FON this year. PLEASE SEE THE DIGEST (blue link in my notes) and discussion on page 1, agenda item 3, of my notes.
- New College and Centers Funding: Proposal to go to BOG in January that all new colleges and centers be funded the year after they open. PLEASE SEE THE DIGEST (blue link in my notes) and discussion on page 1, agenda item 4, of my notes.

Second, GOVERNMENT: Marlene Garcia gave the State and Federal legislative updates, as well as explaining what the Legislative Taskforce is and the five proposals they have developed.

- State – not much discussion, please see the attached summary documents: November 2010 State Legislative Update and Legislative Matrix 2010.
- Taskforce: Just convened and have drafted five proposals for possible legislation. Four of the five were discussed. Common assessment seems to be at this time the most likely to develop into legislation. Please see my notes, page 2, and the Legislative Taskforce document attached to this message for full description of the taskforce and the proposals.

- Federal – the Community College Summit of October 5 has generated a flurry of grants. The Gates' Foundation Completion by Design is of particular interest. The Chancellor's Office wants to help coordinate grant application activities so we are organized in groups and not competing against one another. Please see my notes, page 2, and the November 2010 Federal Relations Update document attached to this message for full description of the taskforce and the proposals.

Third, SB1 1440: Jane Patton and Linda Michalowski received a round of applause for their update on the progress being made to implement SB 1440.

- Transfer Model Curricula (TMC) are in the process of being created by CCC and CSU faculty via their Senates.
- At least 20 disciplines will complete TMC to define the transfer major curriculum.
- TMC equals a core of required courses, plus a list of others to choose from, to total to 18 units.
- Faculty need to be involved. They need to consult the C-ID website at: www.c-id.net. Please see my notes, page 2, agenda item 8.
- Anticipate more news to be coming out on this.

My apologies for the length of this report!

Have a great Friday and a wonderful weekend!

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