

Colleagues:

Hot off the presses, here's what happened in CC yesterday. Please call or email if you have questions.

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#### Agenda

1. Student Senate Update - The students had the best numbers for their conferences ever this past year. They continue to seek more student involvement and work for a smooth transition in state leadership this month. They want to have a more permanent funding base to ensure they can maximize opportunity to lobby.

2. Budget Update - Dan fleshed out what he already sent in an email to all groups. By and large news for CCs is good. The proposed CC budget is now \$227 million, which is \$30 million more than the January budget. Restoration, access, COLA and matriculation aka Student Success all have funds. The deferral buy down also is funded.

Withdrawn since January:

90 unit cap  
Census proposal

The FAFSA will be a workload issue for many admissions/financial aid folks but not only is this an accountability measure for colleges, some students are concerned it will cause students to take a PELL earlier than planned and run out of \$ before they can successfully transfer and complete.

Adult Ed proposal: Major and very positive changes here or a complete rewrite. A two year window is to be used for planning and required partners are CC and K-12, but corrections and community based organizations may be included. Those already doing adult education get an automatic allotment and the rate is now the same as the CDCP instead of the lower adult ed rate. This one is moving quickly and will require a regional approach much like Doing What Matters overseen by the CCCCCO.

Prop 39: The Governor continues to advocate distribution on an FTES basis.

RDAs: The statutory back-fill is guaranteed to make CC's whole, but there are reporting discrepancies appear to be between projections and actuals. This will be emphasized in hearings over the next few days to avoid an unintended hole.

Tomorrow the LAO will come out with their budget and there already is feeling that Governor Brown is too cautious and expect lots of discussion. Overall, a pretty good budget for us. Next week the legislature starts hearings next weeks and conference hearings the following week with an expectation of an on-time budget this year.

The Chancellor pointed out that it was rare for the Governor to back off a proposal as he did with adult ed and we should be sure to meet the goals that we establish now.

3. Legislative Update - SB 520 and SB 547 are both about On line and are conflicting. We are watching the issue closely. SB 440 Padilla on transfer is currently in suspense. It would be counterproductive to put this through now while we are in the middle of implementation of the TMCs. The May revise will mean much negotiations, review and change in what bills are going forward with potential funding. An update will be sent out electronically by end of day although the bill to change the 50% law went down.

4. Concurrent Offerings of Credit and fee based Community Ed Classes - This was our item. The CCCCCO indicated that there was nothing specifically prohibiting offering credit courses and filling extra seats with fee based folks in Ed Code or Title 5. You will all recall this has been a repeated request from many colleges particularly in the Arts/Music/Theatre performance areas as a result of the new repetition rules. The CCCCCO agreed to get the key vice chancellors together to come up with some recommendations for tracking expenditures and best practice which will be on the next CC agenda. I am very excited by this opportunity! The beneficiaries will be our theatre performances and musical groups in particular. I offered SRJC if they needed a pilot school and I'm sure others of you would volunteer. I'll keep you posted.

5. Audit Fee - The audit fee of \$15 has not been reviewed and changed in years. Many of you will recall that the original fee of \$15 was set as 1.5 times the cost of tuition fee when enrollment fees were \$10 per unit. Now enrollment fees are over \$40 per unit and the audit fee sits at \$15. I took a poll and the only opposition to upping the fee to being the same as enrollment or even 1.5 times and indexed was from one union who specifically said they were opposed to all fees on principle, not this fee. The students were not opposed but lacked information and background on the issue. Unfortunately, this late in the legislative season it is unlikely to go anywhere unless it can be tacked on as a trailer bill and that isn't likely. I officially requested this go forward next year as a priority for CCCCCO and got the lack of opposition and mostly support on record.

A fun packed day!