



President's Cabinet Action Notes

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Cynthia Hoover sat in for Abe Ali who was at a professional meeting.

1. Cabinet reviewed the latest newsletter ([attached](#)) from Interim Chancellor Erik Skinner.
 - The Chancellor's Office new "streamlined" curriculum approval process is basically a check-off system rather than the existing more in-depth review and will considerably speed up approval—a central recommendation of the Strong Workforce Task Force. Colleges will be required to certify compliance to standards still based on the Program and Course Approval Handbook ([link](#)).
 - The University of California has extended the deadline for students filing applications to transfer for Fall 2017 with the due date now January 1, 2017.
 - The Legislature recently held a hearing on the pilot program under which 15 California community colleges are offering baccalaureate degrees. Colleges updated the Legislature on implementation of the degrees, and considerable discussion took place on the possibility of expanding the program.
2. Two of the state ballot propositions passed on November 8th imposed new taxes that have implications for California community colleges. Increasing the overall tax burden can have a chilling effect on the state base of income and excise taxes that drive our operating funding as well as make it more difficult to pass local property tax bond levies that support our facilities.
 - **Proposition 56**, which passed with 62.9%, will add a \$2.00 per pack state cigarette tax to the existing \$0.87—on top of the \$1.01 federal tax implemented earlier this year. The [attached summary](#) provides more information. While 10% of the revenue from the \$0.87 portion of the tax will continue to go to the state general fund, the \$2.00 tax will support a variety of initiatives unrelated to education.
 - **Proposition 64**, which passed with 56.0%, legalizes recreational marijuana and also taxes both its production and sale. The [attached summary](#) provides more information.
3. The recent President's Circle Breakfast was well attended ([list attached](#)). Ten members of the Mt. SAC Foundation Board of Directors were present, along with more than twenty of our major donors. There were fifteen Mt. SAC folks there, mingling with the foundation folks and representing our College with professionalism and grace.
4. At the joint Trustee and CEO Board meeting of the Community College League of California (CCLC), the group passed a Statement to Reaffirm Commitment to Educational Opportunity for All Post Election ([attached](#)).
5. The Legislative Analyst's Office has issued their 2017-18 Fiscal Outlook ([attached](#)), and CCLC has provided a thorough summary ([attached](#)). Some of the main points:
 - The state's economic recovery continues into its 8th year with income up 4% and job growth at 2.3%.
 - With 70% of state revenue dependent on income tax, California remains vulnerable to a recession.
 - The LAO has a positive outlook for the 2017-18 state budget, predicting a 5.4% growth in revenue which should drive a 3.6% growth in the K-14 Prop 98 guarantee.

- Actual revenues for 2016-17 are below budget projections and, combined with spending exceeding revenue in 2015-16, the Prop 98 guarantee for this year is down by \$388 million. However, considering a prior year “settle up” obligation of \$1 billion, the LAO estimates that \$612 million would be allocated as one-time funding in 2017-18.
 - For the next five years, including enhanced revenue from Proposition 55, the LAO has analyzed two scenarios, one being modest growth and the other being a mild recession. In either case, the Prop 98 formula projects increased funding for K-14, 3.8% with modest growth and 2.3% with mild recession.
6. The Chancellor’s Office has issued initial allocations for SSSP funds. Note that the allocations are based in part on performance measures of services delivered to students, so the dollar amounts are adjusted each year as colleges increase or decrease their reported service levels for orientation, assessment, advising, initial and comprehensive education plans, and followup.
- For **credit programs**, attached are the [memo](#) and the [allocation spreadsheet](#). Mt. SAC’s allocation was reduced as other colleges caught up to the high services levels that we provided in the initial years of SSSP funding. Audrey provided an analysis of the service levels in 2014-15 compared to 2015-16 ([attached](#)) and a comparison of Mt. SAC’s service levels and funding with that of similar colleges ([attached](#)).
 - For **noncredit programs**, attached are the [memo](#) and the [allocation spreadsheet](#). With fewer colleges serving the numbers of noncredit students that Mt. SAC does, our noncredit SSSP allocation did not change appreciably.
7. Mike shared a draft ([attached](#)) of a proposed Emergency Management Committee, and Cabinet agreed with the establishment of such a committee, and provided input on the draft. Mike will return with an updated version.
8. Items for future agendas (items for the **next** Cabinet meeting are shown in **BOLD**):
- a. Dual Enrollment Offerings at Local High Schools (Irene & Audrey, 1/17)
 - b. Next Steps on the Foothill Transit Center (Mike, 12/13)
 - c. Student Holds: Establishing, Communicating, Clearing (Joumana & Bob, 12/13)
 - d. AP 5130—Financial Aid (Revision/Addressing Loss of BOG Fee Waiver (**Audrey, 11/29**))
 - e. Implementing BP 6530—Closed-Circuit Surveillance Systems (Dave, Dale, Bill, 1/24)
 - f. Child Development Center: Budget and Productivity (**Irene & Fawaz, 11/29**)
 - g. Progress on Expansion of Summer Bridge Program (Audrey & Irene, 1/17)
 - h. Next Steps on Guided Pathways Application for a Higher Ed Innovation Award (**Bill, 11/29**)
 - i. Follow up on Marketing Innovative Programs and Services (**Audrey, Irene, Bill, 11/29**)
9. Quarterly Reports to Cabinet
- a. Emergency Response Plan Implementation (Dave Wilson & Melonee Cruse, 1/10)
Executive Policy Group Training
 - b. Classroom Utilization Project (Joumana & Mika, 12/13)
 - c. Faculty Position Control Report (Irene, 1/24)
 - d. Timely Employee Evaluations & Quarterly Cabinet Review (All, 12/6)
 - e. Construction Project/Scheduled Maintenance Quarterly Report (Mike & Gary, 12/6)
 - f. IT Projects Quarterly Report (Mike & Dale, 12/13)
 - g. Grants Quarterly Update (Irene & Adrienne, 1/17)
 - j. Text Messaging (**Yen & Bob, 11/29**)

