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FIRST MONDAY

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR BRICE W. HARRIS

Memorandum

DATE: June 2, 2014
TO: California Community College CEOs
FROM: Brice W. Harris, State Chancellor
SUBJECT: First Monday – June 2014

Colleagues,

The following are items of interest and importance for our system, and are provided for your information. If you have comments or concerns on any of these items feel free to email me at bharris@cccco.edu or telephone me at 916-322-4005.

1. **Budget:** Although I am sure you have all seen the action taken in the Assembly and Senate on our budget a few days ago, I have enclosed Vice Chancellor Troy's analysis. Obviously both houses of the Legislature went with higher revenue estimates than did the Governor, and added a total of \$246 million in the budget year and another \$34 million in the current year. As Dan points out, most of us believe that these augmentations have a significant uphill battle in the Governor's Office, but we are sure to see additional advocacy and negotiations surrounding these budget priorities. We expect a conference committee to meet in early June to seek an ultimate agreement with the Governor leading to another on-time budget before the end of June. Of particular note in action by both houses, was the support for the Governor's proposal to fund non-credit at the credit rate beginning in 2015-2016. Although that will have no financial impact in the coming year, it does clearly signal a future budget priority for the Governor and Legislature that should begin to impact your planning at the local level.
2. **Revised Associate Degree for Transfer Report:** Enclosed is the most recent Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) report. As several of you requested, we have added two columns to detail which of the ADTs are in our office awaiting review (Chancellor's Office column), and those that have been previously submitted and returned to the college for revisions (College column). As you will see, as a system we are now exceeding 80 percent and several of your colleges are above 100 percent. However, there are still a number of colleges below 60 percent, and their progress seems to be stagnant. Please remember that the Board of Governors has made it very clear that they want us to reach the 100 percent level by the end of the calendar year. As always, if you have questions or concerns about the report, feel free to reach out to me directly by email or phone.
3. **City College of San Francisco:** In my ongoing effort to keep you informed on the accreditation challenges being faced by City College of San Francisco (CCSF), I have enclosed a letter recently sent to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) from Board of Governors President Manuel Baca. As you will read, the Board is requesting that in light of the progress made by CCSF, they be given more time to complete their work. We believe that the college is now in substantial compliance with the standards, but needs additional time to complete the various cycles for planning,



finances and program evaluation, and ultimately turn the college back over to a locally elected board of trustees. The college's appeal was heard last week, and the decision on the appeal is expected in the next few weeks. As I have mentioned previously, this is an extremely important issue for our system, but more importantly for the 77,000 students currently enrolled in the college.

4. **CCCCO Newsletter on Technology Initiatives:** In December 2013, three major initiatives were launched by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office: Online Education Initiative (OEI), Education Planning Initiative (EPI), and Common Assessment Initiative (CAI). These initiatives have distinct objectives, but one primary goal, promoting student success. To keep the community informed, the three projects have launched a joint newsletter. The newsletter is free and will provide monthly updates on the forward progress of these projects. To subscribe to the newsletter, individuals should visit the website <http://ccconlineed.org/> and click on the link for CCC Technology for Student Success News: Volume 1, Issue 1 - May 2014. That will take you to the electronic newsletter where you can "Join Our Mailing List" to receive automatic newsletter updates. My office has recently shared this information with the CIOs, CSSOs, and CBOs, and I would encourage your campus to use the newsletter as a means to stay informed on these exciting projects.
5. **DOL Grant Opportunities:** Although you may have seen the enclosed announcement of the two new Department of Labor grant opportunities, I wanted to call them to your attention again because many of your colleges will be very competitive on these two programs. The first, Trade Adjustment Assistance and Career Training, seeks to increase the number of workers who attain certificates and degrees in post-secondary education, and the other, American Apprenticeship Grants, is designed to enhance apprenticeships related to middle-class jobs. In the attachment you will find the sources of the full grant announcements and you should feel free to contact Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan if you need additional information.
6. **Continued Movement of Community College Baccalaureate Legislation:** Earlier this week, the California State Senate voted unanimously 34-0 to approve legislation, Senate Bill 850 (Block) that would allow California community colleges to offer four-year degrees where a local workforce need can be documented. As recently amended, the bill would allow 15 campuses from 15 different college districts to offer one baccalaureate degree each starting in January 2015. Programs would have to begin no later than the 2017-18 academic year and students would have to complete their degrees by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. Baccalaureate degrees offered at community colleges could not be duplicative of degrees offered by the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU). The Board of Governors (BOG), in consultation with the UC and CSU, would select the participating districts and campuses and the BOG would develop the funding model to support the pilot program. In addition, the California Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office would be required to conduct a statewide evaluation of the pilot program and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2021. This is the third time Senator Block has introduced similar legislation, which has garnered significant support across our system. SB 850 now moves to the State Assembly.
7. **Online Education Study:** I have enclosed the summary of a report released last month by the Public Policy Institute of California entitled *Online Learning and Student Outcomes in California's Community Colleges*. The report begins, "California's community colleges offer more online credit courses than any other public higher education institution in the country. By 2012, online course enrollment in the state's community colleges totaled almost one million, representing about 11 percent of total enrollment. Indeed, practically all of the enrollment increases over the past ten years have occurred in online courses. Among students taking credit courses in 2011-12, one of every five took at least one online course." Those striking statistics reflect the commitment of all of you to innovate and evolve to meet the changing needs of our students. The report goes on to describe trends and student outcomes in online education in our system. Among the report's key findings is that significant performance gaps exist for some groups of students taking online courses. Specifically, younger students, African Americans, Latinos, males, students with lower levels of academic skill, and part-time students are all likely to perform markedly worse in online courses than in traditional ones. The report recommends additional support and orientation for students, professional development for faculty, and improvement in online teaching technology. The report correctly identifies that all these steps are being pursued in our Online Education Initiative, an initiative backed by Governor Brown and launched in the current year.