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COMMUNITY COLLEGES FUNDRAISING DINNERS

Two fundraiser dinners -- June 20 at the Oakland Hilton and June 27 at the Riverside Mission Inn – will be presented to raise funds for the community college initiative that will be placed on the June 2008 ballot. The fundraisers will be at each dinner and CEOs are encouraged to attend; many foundations are planning to purchase tables. Information on these dinners will be forwarded to all CEOs later this month.

PROPOSAL TO ADD LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO BOGCCC

SB 709 was amended to add the Lieutenant Governor to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges as an ex-officio 17th voting member; and to require that the student members be enrolled in a community college with a minimum of five semester units at the time of appointment and throughout their BOGCCC term. The CCCT and CEOCCC Boards opposed this change when proposed by the Joint Committee for the Review of the Master Plan for Education and in SB 6 (Alpert), and now oppose SB 709. It will have its first hearing on June 20, in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Local districts are requested to send letters opposing SB 709 to Senator Jackie Speier and the members of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, chaired by Assembly Member Carol Liu.

CEOCCC BOARD ADOPTS “SUPPORT” POSITION ON PROPOSITION 1D

At their May meeting, the CEOCCC board adopted a “support” position on Proposition 1D which will appear on the November 2006 ballot. If approved by the voters, this general obligation bond would enact the \$10.4 billion Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, of which \$7.3 billion would be for K-12 facilities and \$3.1 billion for higher education facilities, including \$1.5 billion for community colleges; and require that construction, reconstruction, modification or expansion of community college campus buildings be according to either the Field Act or the California Building Standards Code. (Six other initiatives have also been certified for the November ballot; once the full list is available, League staff will prepare full analyses and recommendations for those which affect community colleges.)

MATH/ENGLISH STANDARDS UNDER DISCUSSION

Discussions continue among the CIOs, CSSOs, and the Academic Senate regarding the Senate's recommendation to raise mathematics and English standards (i.e., from one level below English 1A to English 1A and from beginning to intermediate algebra) for students entering Fall 2007 (although this may change to those entering Fall 2008) seeking an associate degree. The Academic Senate is working with the CIOs and CSSOs to review research and determine how the colleges can meet these requirements; and, if these changes are adopted by the BOGCCC later this year, will urge the System Office to adjust accountability measurements to take account of the changed AA requirements; urge local colleges to create alternative mathematics and English courses at the appropriate levels; and urge local colleges to review existing student support services to ensure that they are appropriate for the new requirements for associate degree.

NURSING EDUCATION

SB 1309 (Scott) intends to address the complexities of nursing education, including preparing and hiring nursing faculty, support services for nursing students, and enhanced articulation between all segments for the outreach, training and placements of nursing students. SB 1309 successfully passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote of 36-2. SB 1309 allows community college districts to employ clinical nursing faculty as temporary faculty for up to four semesters (current law is now restricted to 2 semesters) within any three consecutive years. The League supported AB 1972 (Daucher), which would have authorized three-year contracts for part-time faculty in areas experiencing critical faculty shortage, such as nursing. AB 1972 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

MUNICIPAL UTILITY FEES

Assembly Member Goldberg and lobbyists representing Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), major municipal utility districts, the League of Cities, and the City of Los Angeles gathered the necessary "aye" votes to pass AB 2951 off the Assembly Floor and onto the Senate on a 50-22 vote. The League appreciates the efforts of local community college districts who contacted their assembly members asking for a "no" vote. District contacts were instrumental to securing several "no" votes on the Assembly floor. Continued local district advocacy opposing AB 2951 is crucial to stopping this costly legislation. **Districts should contact their respective senators to register opposition to AB 2951.**

THIS MONTH'S REPORT

Keeping California's Edge: The Growing Demand for Highly Educated Workers. California State University Sacramento, Applied Research Center. April 2006.

This report, commissioned by the California Business Roundtable and the Campaign for College Opportunity, evaluates the economic implications of California's educational trends on future workforce composition, and is a companion study to other studies on California's future demographic and educational trends and the options available in terms of educational strategies and policies. This report is available at: <http://www.collegecampaign.org/>

UPCOMING COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND BUDGET DEADLINE

- June 14th: 8:30 a.m. – Senate Education Committee
WHERE: State Capitol, Room 4203
- June 20th: 1:30 p.m. - Assembly Higher Education Committee
WHERE: State Capitol, Room 437
- June 15th – State Budget must be passed by midnight

STAFFING CHANGES

- Penny Patz, Vice President for Technology and Instruction, Career and Workforce Education at Foothill College, has been chosen to serve as interim president of the college, effective July 1. She replaces Bernardine Chuck-Fong who is retiring after serving since 1994.
- Mark Edelstein, president of Diablo Valley College since 1996, has announced that he will retire in June to accept the presidency of a community college in New Hampshire.
- Audre Levy, president of LA Southwest College since 2001, has been named superintendent/president of Glendale Community College District, effective July 1. She replaces John Davitt who has served in that capacity since 1985, and is now retiring.
- McKinley Williams, who has served as interim president of Contra Costa College since 2005, has been named permanent president of that college, effective immediately.
- Richard Rose is the new president of Modesto Jr College, effective July 1.
- Sharon Dyer, president of Cerro Coso since 2001, is leaving to accept a Special Assignment on Resource Development and Marketing in the Kern CCD office.