



# ***THE LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

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## **Legislation**

- **AB 1409 (Portantino) Concurrent Enrollment** – This bill would extend concurrent enrollment opportunities to more K-12 students, increase the summer enrollment cap to 10% instead of the existing 5% cap and make current exemptions (students studying for passage of the CAHSEE, IGETC and career-technical courses) to the summer enrollment cap permanent. The bill, which was introduced last year, is in the Senate Appropriations Committee and has to move out of that committee by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The System Office staff and organizational representatives will be discussing a strategy for doing so at a meeting in mid-June. At that time, staff also expects to review whether there is a need to change or clarify existing provisions in law dealing with concurrent enrollment.
- **SB 325 (Scott) Accountability** – Senator Jack Scott’s accountability bill, has been significantly amended to reflect community college concerns. Among the recent amendments are those to:
  - 1) Add a Technical Advisory Committee (similar to the one used for the ARCC process so that system representatives can be sure that they reflect data which is already or at least readily available);
  - 2) Assess the progress of all four systems (the three public higher education systems as well as the AICCCU institutions) in meeting six goals is to be conducted by the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) rather than CPEC (as in earlier versions), and each system is urged to come before the appropriate policy and budget committees to comment on the LAO’s conclusions;
  - 3) Commit that if there are any new mandates, they will be offset by commensurate reductions in current requirements;
  - 4) Commit that the Legislature will build upon existing higher education data, information systems, reports and processes including, but not limited to, the reporting process established...[by ARCC.]
  - 5) Amend the reporting dates to be more in synch with the ARCC reporting dates.
- **SB 1312 (Yee) Interior Design** – The League appreciates the rapid response of community colleges leaders against legislation which would create a state board to oversee and create a registration program for interior designers. The bill would have prescribed a minimum number of course units for students to access the profession, and would have allowed a new board to micromanage the curriculum of community college interior design programs. The bill would have negatively impacted over 30 community college interior design programs, and set a very

dangerous precedent for other career technical education programs. State senators heard from their community colleges about the harm that SB 1312 would do to their interior design programs and students, and the bad precedent that would be set for other career technical education programs. Senator Yee, the author of the bill, placed it on the "inactive file" rather than bringing it up for a vote, as it was clear that enough Democrats were uneasy about the impact on community colleges and unwilling to vote for the bill. Senate Republicans consistently opposed the bill. Sources report that the contents of the bill may be amended into another vehicle in the Assembly, which means we may need your help to keep up the pressure--but for now, good work! The outcome of SB 1312 demonstrated what we can accomplish with grassroots local community college action.

- **SB 1585 (Padilla) Transfer** – Legislation to establish a voluntary 5-year pilot program to increase the rate of at-risk basic skills community college student to advance to credit courses and eventually transfer to 4-year institutions passed the Senate by a party-line vote (25-10), with the exception of Republican Senator Denham voting in favor of the legislation. SB 1585 authorizes the Chancellor to accept private funds to implement the pilot program, with implementation only after the DOF determines sufficient private donations have been deposited. The bill is now pending in the Assembly.
- **Legislative Timelines** – The Assembly and Senate have till June 27<sup>th</sup> to pass their bills out of their policy committees. Bills of interest which will be heard next week are:
  - Assembly Committee on Local Government- June 4
    - SB 1732 (Romero): Brown Act
  - Assembly Committee on Higher Education – June 10
    - SB 325 (Scott): Higher Education Accountability/ Educational and Economic Goals for Higher Education
    - SB 1301 (Cedillo): Student Financial Aid- DREAM Act
    - SB 1393 (Scott): Nursing Programs
    - SB 1621 (Ashburn): Nursing Education
    - SB 1680 (Wyland): student Financial aid: Military and Veterans Benefits
    - SB 1692 (Padilla): Community College Public Works: Cost Reduction
  - Senate Committee on Education – June 11
    - AB 591 (Dymally): Community College: Temporary Employees
    - AB 906 (Eng): Community College: Salaries of Instructors
    - AB 1754 (Hayashi): Community College: Grade Changing Policies
    - AB 1916 (Portantino): Community College Part-time Faculty ( 60% rule)
    - AB 2260 (Assembly Committee on Higher Education): Community College Bookstores
    - AB 2550 (Furutani): Public Contracts: Community College Districts
    - ACR 69 (Dymally): Compton College Task Force

Full information on these bills and others followed by the League is available at: <http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/BOI052108.pdf> . This report will be regularly uploaded following each meeting of the Trustee or CEO Board to provide information on their positions.

## **Budget Update**

Please see go to <http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/08Update5.pdf> for the League’s May 30th budget update.

## **Community College League of CA Holds Budget Advocacy Events**

In response to the Governor's May Revise, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the League invited colleges to participate in a Telephonic Town Hall Meeting. The meeting featured a more in-depth look at the May Revise, along with guest speakers discussing the impact on the community college system. It was an excellent opportunity for colleges to get together with their local communities to discuss how the May Revise impacts their colleges. **Please go to <http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/townhallpacket.pdf> for information that was distributed for the Town Hall Meeting.**

The League is also actively working to increase presence in the State Capitol by holding events known as Capitol Days. Capitol Days is a one-day event ideally composed of a district advocacy team which includes a trustee, student, faculty member, classified staff member, and others. Capitol Days offers small advocacy teams a chance to visit with local legislators and to discuss the impact of the state budget on their colleges. We provide the overview, the talking points and handouts. Please go to our website at [www.ccleague.org](http://www.ccleague.org) for more information on Capitol Days and for materials that were handed out during the May 20<sup>th</sup> event.

Upcoming Capitol Days are scheduled for: Tuesday, June 17th.

## **CEO Tenure and Retention Study**

The latest version of the biennial CEO Tenure and Retention Study, 2003-06 is available on-line at: <http://ccleague.org/files/public/CEOStudyUpdate4.pdf> Among the primary findings are that the bulk of turnover of district CEOs are due to retirements, while the turnover of presidents in multi-college districts is frequently due to moving up to district CEO positions to replace those retiring.

## **CEO Changes**

- John E. Hendrickson, the interim superintendent/president of Mira Costa Community College District in Oceanside, has been named chancellor of West Valley Mission CCD. He replaces Stanley R. Arterberry who is retiring after serving as CEO for six years.
- Irving Hendrick, interim president at Moreno Valley College, has been named interim chancellor at Riverside CCD, replacing Jim Buysse who has served as interim for one year and will be returning to his prior position as vice chancellor for administration and finance for the district.
- Ron Taylor, vice president of academic affairs at Chabot College, has been appointed superintendent/president of Feather River College.
- Geraldine Perri, president of Cuyamaca College since 2002, has been appointed superintendent/president of Citrus College, effective July 1.
- Pamela Eddinger, executive vice president at Moorpark College since 2005, has been appointed president of the college, effective July 2008.

## **Other**

Steve Juarez has been appointed the University of California Office of the President's new associate vice president and director for state government relations, replacing former Assistant Vice President Steve Arditti, who retired last year. Juarez previously was executive director for J.P. Morgan Securities in Los Angeles, and a director for the J. Paul Getty Trust before that. From 1996-1998, Steve served as UCLA's assistant vice chancellor for government and community relations.