

**Regional Consortia Chairs/ CCCCCO Staff Meeting  
Hosted by North/Far North Region  
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Monday, February 3, 2003  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel  
2001 Point West Way  
Sacramento, CA 95815**

Minutes

I. Welcome/ Introductions/ Review Agenda -Janis Caston, North/Far North Region

Patricia Laurent, CCCCCO	Kay Ferrier, CCCCCO
Barbara Whitney, CCCCCO	Ron Selge, CCCCCO
Lyla Eddington, LA/Orange County Region	Kay Hartig, San Diego/Imperial Region
Susan Coleman, LA/Orange County Region	Michelle Turner, San Diego/Imperial Region
Tanya Burke, South Central Region	Sue Clark, Central Region
Geri Douglas, CCCCCO	Chris Yatooma, CCCCCO
Sharon Wong, CCCCCO	Teresa Parkinson, CCCCCO
Janis Caston, North/Far North Region	Chuck Wisely, CCCCCO
Dona Boatright, CCCCCO	Julie Pehkonen, Desert Region
Anita Courtnier, North/Far North Region	Ron Vito, Desert Region
	Kathy Pulse, CCCCCO
	Sandra Mellor, Bay/Interior Bay Region
	Merlyn Newlin, CCCCCO

II. Issues by Regional Consortia Chairs

Susan Coleman stated she would like to have a discussion regarding the CCCAOE recommended approval process for stand-alone courses.

III. Vice Chancellor Report - Dona Boatright

a. General Update

Every Friday, the Regional Chairs can read the Chancellor's Weekly by logging onto their website. Chancellor Nussbaum stated in the January 24, 2003 newsletter that the community colleges would be experiencing larger cuts in 2003-2004 than ever before.

b. State Budget Update

According to Dona Boatright, the CCCCCO hopes to salvage \$80 million from mid-year cuts for concurrent enrollment. The CCCCCO workgroup created a proposal regarding the mid-term cuts to present to the Governor and for use when presenting our case. Items that the proposal covered were the following:

- Keep reductions proportional to K-12
- Protect the base
- Retain quality

- Target areas where money has not been distributed

The CCCCCO system proposed \$158 million cuts, but Governor Davis proposed \$200+ million cuts. The Chancellor's Office is considering changing competitive grants to allocations because they have no staff to implement the competitive processes.

According to Dona Boatright, the CCCCCO slated to cut 24 positions and may have to consider layoffs if necessary. Judith James and Christopher Cabaldon resigned effective March and April of 2003.

#### c. Board of Governors Update

Work is being done to assess what is the real cost of education in the state of California? This difficult budget year is a good time to complete this assessment, in preparation for better budget years ahead. Dona Boatright asked the question, "What are the standards?" She believes we need to look within the state as well as nationally to create the standards. Once created, the CCCCCO will need to confirm with the Board of Governors.

#### d. Grants Update

##### i. FII

The Board has set aside 10% of next year's FII funds for research on how the colleges are meeting the basic skills need. The Board is concerned that incoming students have a lower skill level based on a study session that was conducted in July, November and December. An option in terms of occupational funding is to conduct research regarding the number of students coming in and the impact of those who lack the capacity. Very little new funding will be available in 2003-2004; a portion of ext year's dollars may need to be used to cover encumbrances from 2002-2003.

##### ii. FSS

FSS Grants are totally cut, however 30 projects are continuing for the remainder of 2002-2003 school year like the MESA Program.

##### iii. Other

Susan Coleman mentioned that there is a proposal to expand the number of stand-alone courses that would not need CCCCCO approval. The proposal is in the draft stage at this time.

#### IV. VEST Report – Merlyn Newlin

##### a. Status on Perkins Reauthorization

Ron Selge, Dean of Workforce Preparation, provided a handout from President Bush's Office Report regarding funding for 2004. He referred us to page 6 and 9 and stated that the Bush administration is clearly looking at some type of consolidation. Latest among the proposals is one, which would award funds via competitive grants. Ron stated that proposed changes would affect all of VTEA. There is also a proposal to cut 2002-2003 VTEA funds by 2.9%, which is the equivalent of a \$14 million cut for this year, for

California. The State has funds to cover these cuts, so colleges are not likely to be impacted this year.

- b. Grants Update
  - i. Workforce Instructional Equipment

Merlyn Newlin reported that Workforce Development Equipment grants are up in the air. This was one of the topics included as part of the consultations proposal to the Governor.

- c. General Report
  - i. Special Populations Mini Grants for 2003-2004 Update

Sharon Wong mentioned Chancellor's Office specialists were considering augmenting the discipline collaborative grants rather than the regional consortia for 2003-2004 special populations' mini-grants. Janis Caston stated that the Regional Consortia chairs need to know soon so that we can plan for 2003-2004; Merlyn Newlin stated that we should be notified in about three weeks.

- d. Other

Merlyn Newlin stated that she received an email regarding an upcoming workshop about "America's Changing Workforce-Implications for Career and Technical Education". If unable to attend, individuals can view the webcast from any computer using this link: [www.nccte.org/redirect/20030121a.asp](http://www.nccte.org/redirect/20030121a.asp). She received this information on January 27, 2003.

Merlyn provided handouts and information regarding submission of nominations to the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium for recognition of distinguished service and excellence in career and technical education.

Merlyn is currently working on an E-grant project that will enable individuals to obtain and complete their VTEA application in a web-based format. She discussed the self-subscribed listserve to send information to everyone as well as AOE.

- V. Economic Development Report – Kay Ferrier
  - a. Budget Update
    - i. 2002-2003
    - ii. 2003-2004

Kay Ferrier mentioned that Economic Development projects should plan to hold 10% of their funds for this year due to the Governor's proposal asking for 11% reduction. The System only expects projects to take a 3.66% cut, once everything is settled.

- b. Grants Update 2002-03 & 2003-04
  - i. JDIF
  - ii. IDRC
  - iii. Initiatives
  - iv. Centers

IDRC and JDIF grants are going out for next year. She encourages colleges to send in grants. There will be a Bidder's Video Conference to discuss the JDIF and IDRC grants throughout all regions.

For funding in future years, the Economic Development unit is considering exempting existing centers from the cut process. Small business development centers (SBDCs) have many issues. Trade and Commerce will not administer again. SBDCs may go out for competitive bid as regional hubs; most likely, the hubs will be housed at 4-year schools.

- VI. Career Development Partnerships – Ron Selge
  - a. Tech-Prep
  - b. School to Career
  - c. WIA
  - d. Apprenticeship
  - e. Career Development
  - f. Cooperative Work Experience

Ron Selge mentioned that federal government visited last year and thought that California Tech Prep was wonderful. A negative for Tech Prep could be concurrent enrollment if the \$80 million cut holds. School to Career is a challenge; some money is being held up in the Governor's office and the schools cannot get it. Teacher Prep programs in California are taking a big hit. The WIA is ratcheting down and has to be re-authorized. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program increased to 17 million over 910k in the governor's budget and created 31 positions. It was originally called NAFTA. EDD holds this money.

Ron Selge provided a handout regarding the 1997-2003 Summary of RSI Funding and RSI Attendance Hours. The dollars in these funds that are not expended can go out and fund the ROCP or K-12 programs. We need to have these funds stay within the community colleges. There would be a 2.7 million deficit by 2003-2004 within this program. Local sponsor is union or local employer and strong contracts with RSI. Ron stated that he announced to the CDE that we only have 28 who receive RSI.

Cooperative work experience proposed putting a hiatus on official approval of programs and plans. An Advisory will meet the later part of February to discuss options concerning Professional Development and Marketing.

## VII. Other comments – Next Meeting Scheduled

Merlyn stated that there is interest in doing programs for senior workers and reporting best practices for those that are 40 or older at the community colleges. There will be a support group called the job club for 40 or older to go out to campuses and provide the services. This program is called Senior Advocates. Merlyn stated that she would Email this information to all of the Consortia Chairs. She saw connections with Workforce Development.

The CCCAOE and Economic Development meeting will be held this year in San Jose. According to Dona Boatright, in light of the budget, we will have more panels and meetings to look at trends regarding the budget issues. She requested attendance from all Regional Chairs.

Dona Boatright stated that a survey would be sent to all colleges regarding the impact of the midyear cuts. She is requesting that the Consortia Chairs get their CEO's at their colleges to complete and turn in to the Chancellor's Office. The CCCCO would like to

have feedback regarding cutbacks in services, layoffs and the impact on the college included in the survey.

Lyla Eddington stated that she feels these meetings would be more productive if they had more dialog. The Consortia Chairs are looking to the CCCCCO to assist in developing the agenda for the joint meetings. Some suggestions regarding possible preparation prior to the joint meeting included reviewing the agenda prior to the meeting, placing discussion items on the agenda, and having the regular reports sent via email in order to gain feedback from each region before reporting this information to the CCCCCO.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Janis Caston at 2 p.m.