

ACBO Comments

Consultation Council: Special Meeting on Student Success Task Force

December 15, 2011

Introduction:

- Thank you Chancellor Scott and Consultation Council members. My name is Sharlene Coleal and I am representing Bonnie Dowd on behalf of the ACBO Board. I also have a statement to read that follows what has just been stated by ACCCA.

ACBO Consultation Council Comment Outline

- ACBO would like to commend the work of the Student Success Task Force. We recognize this task was difficult and monumental.
- ACBO strongly supports the paradigm change toward improving student success within the system and believes that the Task Force has generally presented good approaches toward achieving that objective.

But we also have a few concerns:

- The current System funding model and regulations are significantly invested in creating “student access”. Thus changing over to a “student success” model must take this into account and cannot be done haphazardly.
 - **Specific issues of Concern**
 - This new paradigm will require significant additional funding. The current State Budget issues make this issue very problematic.
 - This new paradigm will require key regulations (50% law, FON) to be revisited and modified to fit the new paradigm. For example; as currently enacted most new investments by Districts to enhance student success will cause District compliance with the 50% law to deteriorate. Thus as currently enacted a major barrier to achieving enhanced student success.
 - There will need to be a significant change in how financial resources are currently utilized. ACBO is concerned that categorical funding silos as proposed in the report are still too rigid and will not afford District adequate flexibility with the financial resources needed to meet the new paradigm
- A new funding model must be carefully developed to accommodate the significant changes proposed. As I mentioned, the current model is completely designed to maximize “student access”. The System must be cautious to avoid unintended consequences with this change.

Conclusion

- ACBO looks forward to actively assisting with the system transition/conversion to the new Student Success Paradigm
- Again congratulations to the Student Success Task Force for a job well done
- On behalf of ACBO I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays.