

## **ACBO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

### **RECORD OF THE MEETING**

#### **In Attendance:**

T. Burke, President; B. Dowd, President-Elect and Members, Jim Buysse; Ed Maduli; Steve Crow; Kathy Blackwood; Fred Williams; Sharlene Coleal.

**On the Phone:** Teresa Scott; Mike Brandy; Jeanette Gordon

**Guests/Staff:** S. Bray; T. Tena; D. Troy

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting notes were reviewed and amended (revised version posted to web site). A treasurer's report was provided verbally. Kathy Blackwood noted they're agreed to invest \$60K in a County Pool noting that is remains flexible that way and ACBO can pull out funds as needed.

- **Calendar change:** Because of the Easter Holiday, members agreed to change the next meeting date to the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, and a reminder will be sent to all board members.
- **Agenda change:** Members will be sent a final version of the ACCCA/ACBO memorandum of understanding for their review and were asked to forward their comments to Tom prior to the April meeting.

#### **II. Reports:**

- a. **Chancellor's Office:** Dan Troy was available to report and noted that there wasn't a lot of news on budget front and the legislature seems to be in no big hurry to have hearings. The biggest news to report, he said, was the recent LAO revenue forecast that projected \$6.5 billion below the Governor's estimates for revenue. Members discussed how the \$6.5 billion shortfall relates to the \$4 billion trigger and Dan clarified that if the tax initiative does not pass in November then colleges will see additional cuts, and the \$6.5 billion shortfall would be on top of that.

From a planning standpoint, Dan suggested that it's a fair assumption to apply the Prop 98 formula to the \$6.5 billion shortfall, but to be cautious. In applying the formula 40% of shortfall would logically go to education but actual changes won't be known until the May revise. Members noted reductions in cuts to health care already, and the League is saying that the tax increase measure will not pass based on soft support so early. Dan recommended that districts budget as if the new revenue does not get approved, and the Chancellor's Office needs to get more updated Prop 98 numbers from LAO to know more.

- b. **Professional Development/Institute I:** A proposal to facilitate the ACBO Institute I in the fall was reviewed and included Mike Brandy's assessment that transportation challenges of the participants be addressed by

increasing the program to a three days/two nights stay session at two points of contact (2 modules) or a total of four nights and six days of instruction over just two modules (as opposed to four modules in the last Institute I).

Mike indicated he believes, and the board agreed, that the program would benefit from more networking time, and that sponsored dinners would help offset the cost. With a proposed class size 25; Mike suggests a late September and mid-November time frame for the two modules which can utilize the fall conference as an optional inter-session event.

***It was moved, seconded and approved to proceed with planning per the proposal. Mike and Kathy will meet with Susan on booking dates.***

- c. **Enrollment Management Workshop:** Mike has also agreed to lead on development for this one day workshop to focus on the business approach to enrollment management. Sharlene offered her location at a possible site, and Mike indicated he would cooperate with the CIOs who have already developed substantial materials on this topic. Steve Crow agreed to provide additional materials as well and members discussed promoting the workshop at the Fall Conference and announce a summer event for late June or July.

***It was moved, seconded and approved to proceed with planning per the proposal.***

- d. **CCLC Report:** Theresa Tena reported to the Board that the League has been updating their website with most current budget information and they appreciated the Board's feedback on distributed talking points which stressed the quality of education standpoint. She noted that reductions are one thing, but diminishing the quality of community college education overall is another.

Regarding the current year shortfall, the League is introducing a bill that will serve to provide another platform to highlight the shortfall issue. The Administration hasn't weighed in yet, but Theresa indicated she will share bill language and announce the author as soon as those details are finalized. She reported that budget hearings are set for 3/29 in the Senate and 4/25 in Assembly and their strategy is to use these policy hearings as a way to highlight the injustice of the consistent under-funding.

Theresa reported that the first workgroup on community college finance met the prior day (3/1) and that they are "early in the process." There are three more meetings planned, and one of the SSTF recommendations they will survey on is the deferral proposal to look at all funds when calculating the deferrals similar to workload reduction.

Tom Burke commented that the committee felt it best to begin to work on a model for the future allocation process which is a key element moving forward, along with possible changes to SB361. The Governor proposes repeal of 361, and the workgroup wants to get in front of it believing that it's best to have the solution community college driven instead of it being the Governor's or Legislature's call.

Members agreed that SSTF is pushing everything, and ACBO is determined to be in the room when business matters are being debated. They further agreed that the Task Force mission is bigger than figuring out a funding model, but includes a multitude of other approaches to achieving greater flexibility.

Members were generally confident that SB 361 will be the model in 2012-13 and 13/14, noting that there is so much flexibility in the language of SB 361 it can continue while modifications are being considered, however they agreed that there should be an evaluation of possible mitigation paths and areas where flexibility can be exercised which is the purpose of reconstituting the task force.

Theresa noted that regional meetings are going on and CBOs are sharing ideas regionally.

**III. CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS Review.** The most recent versions of the Constitution and By-laws were distributed and reviewed by members. Some changes were accepted. Bonnie agreed to make the changes and send updated copies to Susan for distribution. The Constitution in effect requires a 30-day review by the membership (the 72 CBOs in the system) and staff was asked to distribute the updated documents as soon as possible.

#### **IV. Other Reports:**

- a. **Facilities Task Force:** Fred Harris reported that there will be no facilities bond, but they're now dealing with storm water permits. The Chancellor's Office was successful on that issue and the ACBO board acknowledged Fred Harris on that achievement noting that well over half of all districts were represented.
- b. **Fiscal Standards Task Force:** Fred Williams reported on the Task Force meeting the prior day noting the list of issues brought forward for discussion by the consultant. He noted there were not a lot of issues, and most were for clarification. There was substantial discussion on Chapter 4 regarding the categorical match/encroachment which is categorized as restricted. He indicated this is a political issue but precedence is already established by K-12, however Task Force members had some issues with it. Fred noted that 50% Law modifications within the context of the BAM

revisions would be risky and he recommended that it's better to go through the front door on that issue.

Chapters 5, 6 and 7 revisions are coming in mid March from the consultant. The April meeting goal is to finalize for a presentation at the May conference. Fred remarked that 2000 was the last time a revision was done and it was big deal then. This time changes will result in a more dynamic document which will be more easily amended in the future.

Members asked if the BAM revisions have to go through consultation to confirm and Fred said the consensus is no.

Members acknowledged that the Controller's report on salaries is difficult because of divided assignments. Sharlene indicated that she and others have information back from CASBO that it is voluntary. Members asked Fred to clarify the issue to decision makers.

Members agreed to defer strategic planning review and discussion to the April meeting. Members were asked to review prior to the meeting and send comments to Tom.

Regarding the Boards position paper on the Governor's tax initiative, Tom will communicate electronically with members to finalize in advance of hearings. The document will be shared at the March Consultation Counsel.

*Tom departs the meeting and Bonnie takes over at 1:15 p.m.*

- c. **Regarding ACCJC and Accreditation Issues:** Members discussed several issues with regard to recent ACCJC activity. Specifically, the fiscal "watch list" criteria which builds on the self assessment checklist. Members questioned who at ACCJC is qualified to establish a check list.

Proposed Standard III Language was issued when it was still in the public comment phase, members questioned that. Members discussed and expressed concerns on Standard language. Fred Harris was asked to approach Barbara Beno regarding these concerns and the Board agreed to possibly address the issues within the May conference program and develop an official position based on member feedback.

- d. **Consultation Report:** ACBO rep to the Consultation Council Bonnie Dowd reported on recent activity and reminded the Board that she would not be available to attend the March Consultation meeting. She said in February however, the Faculty representatives gave the Chancellor a letter addressing their concerns that Legislature would not find a way to fund the Student Success recommendations and implementation. Chancellor Scott responded, she reported, that there was expertise available he would pull

from and didn't need to form another consultation council to oversee implementation. Linda Michaloweski was directed to form committee to look at selected elements of Student Success implementation. The committee needs an ACBO rep. The faculty representatives also spoke out in Consultation against the exemption requests (50% law) for Hartnell and Redwoods CCDs.

Regarding implementation of Student Success recommendations, the consultation reps focused on the clarification of what will be handled through the Chancellors Office and what will require legislation. In the meeting the ACBO rep asked that the control sheet be posted to the web site and districts only be compared to themselves.

Regarding accreditation outcomes, Consultation reps were informed that 44 districts were through and 37 districts were sanctioned, two on show cause and the rest were on warning.

***It was m/s/c to appoint Ken Stoppenbrink (CBO at West Hills CCD) to represent ACBO on the SSTF workgroup on enrollment management.***

#### **V. From the Floor**

- a. Steve Crow noted that TTAC documents have been posted online and the Northern California CBOs did meet and it was one of the largest meetings in recent memory and very productive. No minutes were posted but Steve is working on a health care benefits survey for the group.

**VI. Spring Conference**—Members reviewed preliminary session descriptions and made comments for Ed to follow up on. The Board requested that Susan and staff extend the deadline for submissions for two weeks and then reformat the session grid and resend it to the Board for their comments after additional sessions are collected.

END OF MEETING NOTES

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