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**Subject:** Budget update of Conference Committee actions

Colleagues,

Please see the below for a summary of the actions taken by the Conference Committee this evening as it relates to California Community Colleges.

#### Dollar Changes

- Restoration of CalWORKs (\$8.683 million), part-time faculty office hours (\$3.658 million), and the MESA and Puente (\$2.366 million) programs.
- Increase funding for financial aid outreach for baccalaureate pilot programs, non-English speaking households and areas with declining enrollment (\$2.5 million).
- Increase funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity program (\$2 million).
- Fund the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program, as proposed in AB 1741 (\$15 million, one-time).
- Fund the LA Trade Tech and SEIU early childcare education apprenticeship program (\$1.4 million, one-time).
- Reduce the Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment program to fund the above priorities (\$34.839 million, one-time).
- Reduce the 2015-16 apportionment property tax backfill to correct an estimate (\$6.882 million, one-time).

#### Language Changes

- Strong Workforce – Eliminate the 60% cap on ongoing expenditures, yet maintains the 60%/40% (college/region) split. Also, the SB 1070 CTE Pathways program will be rolled into the Strong Workforce program in 2017-18.
- Basic Skills – Funds remaining eligible, yet previously not funded, Basic Skills Transformation program applicants in 2016-17, and provides the Chancellor's Office a year to develop a new formula for the Basic Skills Initiative. The 2017-18 formula will be based 50% on performance metrics, 25% on low-income students, and 25% on FTES in evidence-based basic skills practices.
- Innovation Awards – Changes the focus of the awards to address equity issues, encourage the use of technology, and increase students' access to financial aid.

Keep in mind the changes above are between the May Revision and the Conference Committee compromise. Please see the attachment for a detailed breakdown of the changes from the May Revision.

We are thankful for the Senate's efforts in providing support services to our students on, and transition off of, welfare, and the Assembly's efforts in expanding college promise programs throughout our state. We are also appreciative to both houses for their support in restoring part-time faculty office hours, Puente, and MESA programs, which are all key component to our student success initiative. The Legislature has improved upon an already excellent budget for California Community Colleges provided by the Governor in his May Revision.

The next steps will include each house passing duplicate versions of the budget agreed to by the Conference Committee, which will then be sent to the Governor for his approval. The Governor will sign the budget and may eliminate and/or reduce any program in the budget. Based on my understanding at this point, it's highly unlikely he will veto anything in the California Community Colleges budget; therefore, what we see above and attached is likely our final budget for 2016-17.

I'll continue to update the system as we march towards an approved budget prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you have any questions along the way.

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