Governor Releases Budget Proposals for 2013-14

We have been studying the Governor's proposed budget, and based on analysis from the Chancellor's Office, the Community College League of California, and ACCCA, we are providing a summary of the major components proposed that will affect community colleges:

The Governor's proposal is getting high marks from the Legislature's non-partisan budget analyst because it is balanced and restores funding to education.

Here are the major components of the proposed budget for community colleges:

- No change in student fees.
- \$196.9 million (3.6%) for increased apportionments, without specifying the use. There will be a discussion about the balance of access/restoration and quality through the budget process.
- \$179 million for deferral buy down, reducing borrowing needs of community college districts. This reduces the outstanding deferral to \$622 million.
- \$133.2 million in increased General Fund in 2013-14 to recognize that anticipated redevelopment revenues are not materializing. In 2012-13, the Administration is proposing \$47.8 million to offset proposed redevelopment shortfall, which will likely leave districts with a significant current year deficit.
- \$16.9 million to provide increased access to matriculated students through the use of technology.
- Change the census-based apportionment system to provide a larger apportionment amount to students who are still enrolled at the end of the semester/quarter.
- Limit state-supported instruction in community colleges to 90 units. Units beyond the cap would be not be state supported, but available at full cost to the student.
- Require all students seeking a BOG Fee Waiver to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For AB 540 students, include the Cal Grant Dream Act application.
- Shift of the remaining adult education program, including \$300 million, from K-12 schools to community colleges, and an additional \$15.7 million from the K-12 apprenticeship program to community college apprenticeship programs.
- Creation of a \$450 million energy efficiency fund for schools and community colleges using funds from Proposition 39 (counts toward Proposition 98 guarantee), with \$49.5 million for community college projects.

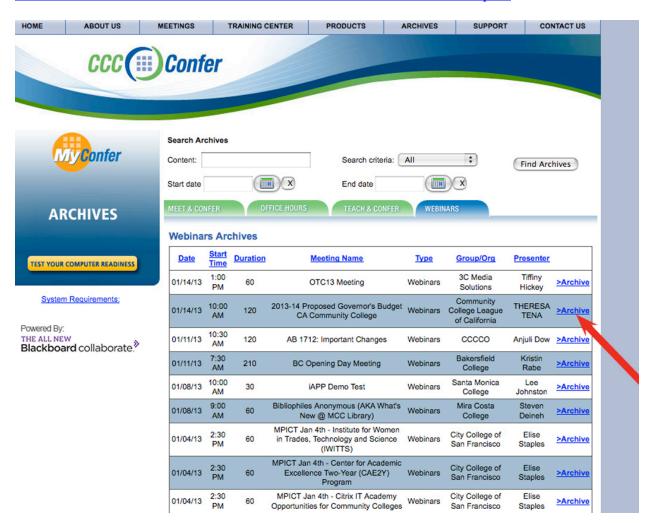
In addition to direct funding proposals, Governor Brown outlined policy changes that would affect how funding is ultimately allocated. We understand several of these proposals generate additional questions. It is not clear yet what legislative action will be needed and what the Board of Governors can implement without legislative action.

Governor Brown also proposes a requirement that students seeking a BOG fee waiver fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and include both parent and student income to

determine waiver eligibility. The intent of the proposal is to generate additional federal financial aid resources for students and colleges and to reinvest any savings to increase course offerings and student services.

The Community College League of California and the California Community Colleges Chancellors' Office held a webinar Monday. Here is a link to the powerpoint of the webinar: http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/2013-14BudgetPresentation.pdf

The audio portion of the webinar also has been archived on CCCConfer.org site: <a href="http://www.cccconfer.org/MyConfer/GoToArchivesAnonymousely.aspx?MeetingID=ffdac355-9314-4906-a80e-25c266a844d4&MeetingSeriesID=0e777dee-737d-485f-ba39-b10713ca545a&ScreenName=&Channel=1224465&PIN=&Role=Participant



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