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AFFORDABILITY, FOOD & HOUSING ACCESS TASKFORCE
Real Solutions to Real Challenges

Friday, April 22, 2022
7:30AM – 9:00AM

MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: Tom Burke, Rebekah Cearley, Colleen Ganley, Martha Garcia, Tammeil Gilkerson, Queena Hoang, Julia Morrison, Diana Rodriguez, Erik Skinner, Paula Umana. League Staff: Lisa Mealoy, Andy Martinez, Ryan McElhinney, Nune Garipian, Sadie Brown.

1. **AGENDA**

   a. **Food Insecurity Brief**

      i. The Food Insecurity Brief titled, "Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce Report: AddressingFood Insecurity in Califonria Community Colleges" was officially released on Monday, April 18 in conjunction with Larry Galizio's podcast, Episode 15 of *Leading Community Colleges in California* podcast featuring guest speaker Tammeil Gilkerson.

      ii. The committee listed the following strategies for disseminating the brief to a larger audience:

         1. The report will be highlighted in a Food Insecurity session at CCLC's Annual Trustees Conference (ATC). The League will print several hard copies for the conference in addition to providing a QR code for the brief.

         2. The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium will include the brief in their April or May newsletter.

         3. The Hope Center will share the brief on their social media platforms.

         4. Colleen Ganley will share the brief with CEO and Comms people and ask that they post it to the appropriate listservs/platforms. She will also forward the brief to the Basic Needs listserv.

         5. Erik Skinner suggested that the League take several hard copies of the brief at the ACBO conference and forward the brief to the CBO listserv.

         6. Tom Burke suggested providing copies at the brief at the student services (CSSO) conference.

         7. The League's GR team will highlight the brief in their ATC session as well as with policy staff in their meeting with the Assembly for Higher Education.

   b. **GR Update on Housing**

      i. The League's GR Team presented on the below bills and priorities:

         1. AB 1746 (Medina): CalGrant Reform

            a. Would reform the state's Cal Grant system by matching eligibility requirements with Pell Grants, making it easier for non-traditional students to qualify for financial aid and simplifying the process in which students apply for Cal Grants.

            b. The League encourages districts and presidents to submit letters in support of the bill as it did get through the Assembly Higher Education Committee. The League will continue to gather support and update the advocacy webpage as more information about the bill is received.

            c. https://ccleague.org/advocacy/legislative-actions

         2. AB 1719 (Ward): Employee Housing

            a. Would permit community colleges to build affordable housing for faculty and classified employees under the Teacher Housing Act of 2016.

            b. League Position: Support

         3. AB 1764 (Medina): Student Housing

            a. Would exempt student housing projects at community colleges from Division of State Architect (DSA) oversight and require the UC, CSU, and community colleges to collect information on the housing needs of their students.

            b. League Position: Support

            c. Rebekah Cearley commented that there is a lot of conversation about the use of skilled and trained workforce for our student housing projects so Building Trades is opposing the bill unless they're amended to include skilled workforce provisions, similar to those that currently exist for design build projects related to the percentage of apprentices and journey person who are doing the work.

         4. AB 1602 (McCarty): Revolving Loan Fund

a. Would appropriate $5 billion to create a revolving loan fund that would have zero interest loans for affordable housing at the UC, CSU, and community colleges.
           b. League Position: Watch
        5. SB 886 (Wiener): CEQA Exemption
           a. Would exempt UC, CSU, and community college housing projects from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review if certain conditions are met.
           b. League Position: Watch
        6. 2022-2023 Budget Updates
           a. Fund the 4 CCC projects and an intersegmental proposals
              i. College of the Siskiyous
              ii. Sierra College
              iii. Fresno City College
              iv. Ventura College
              v. Imperial Valley College / San Diego State
           b. Fund the 75 planning projects submitted
           c. Use State Allocation Limit dollars to fund 7 additional projects
              i. Napa Valley College
              ii. Santa Rosa Junior College
              iii. Lake Tahoe CCD
              iv. Compton College
              v. Cosumnes River College
              vi. Bakersfield College
              vii. College of the Canyons
           d. Rebekah Cearley echoed the importance of funding projects/colleges that are "shovel ready" as the $2 billion funding is finite and the longer that eligible colleges delay their construction projects, the fewer beds are built.

   c. **#RealCollegeCalifornia Coalition Update**
        i. Paula Umana introduced Queena Hoang as the California-based representative from The Hope Center. She resides in Orange County and already has a working relationship with LACCD through coaching sessions and technical assistance provided by The Hope Center.
        ii. Paula shared the 2022 Coalition Report which highlighted Year 3 of the #RealCollegeCA coalition. The report can be accessed here.
        iii. The Hope Center will be fielding students' basic needs and security survey ahead of the new coalition cycle and will plan to share the data via a live dashboard with coalition members.
        iv. The Hope Center received funding from the Gates Foundation and will be developing three new modules with curriculum for staff, faculty, and students who are interested in building skills around basic needs and basic needs-related programming.
        v. Paula shared that The Hope Center restructured the coalition levels and benefit structure for the upcoming year. Institutions have the option to opt-in to one of three levels based on their desired engagement with Hope sessions and other curriculum. Hope added a special fourth level just for California coalition members that will be a set $3,000 fee (regardless of student headcount) and will include all the benefits listed here.

   d. **Basic Needs Summit Update**
        i. Martha Garcia shared the below information regarding the 2022 Basic Needs Summit:
           1. Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 (In Person Only Event)
              a. Thursday Reception @ Double Tree (tentative) | 7:00pm-8:30pm
                 i. Martha requested a block of 50 rooms noting that the conference has a capacity of 300.
           2. Host: San Bernardino Valley College
              a. The event will be catered by SBVC's student culinary services.
           3. Cost: $150 members / $175 non-members
           4. Keynote Suggestions: Arel Moodie, Reggie Dabbs
        ii. Martha requested that the committee provide suggestions for keynote speakers. Lisa Mealoy shared that there is about $80,000 in the Taskforce's budget to help finance the Summit in addition to potential sponsorship money for the upcoming conference.
        iii. Tammeil recommended that the planning committee decide on a conference theme before choosing a keynote speaker. The planning committee will determine a theme and solidify the schedule by the June taskforce meeting.

e. **Taskforce Goals Planning & Review**
    i. The committee reviewed the completed and incomplete goals that were determined at the 2021 Taskforce Retreat. The goal list can be accessed [here](). An updated goal was added at the March meeting which was to invite Dr. Valerie Lundy-Wagner, VC for Digital Innovation and Infrastructure at CCCCO, to speak at a future taskforce meeting to discuss the Chancellor's Office's three ongoing research projects:
        1. Qualitative student focused research
        2. Financial aid and basic needs benchmark survey
        3. Food insecurity landscape analysis
    ii. Colleen Ganley volunteered to invite Dr. Lundy-Wagner - or her research assistant - to the June meeting.

f. **Taskforce Retreat**
    i. Tammeil recommended that the Taskforce kick off the 2022-2023 year with a retreat to solidify goal planning. Sadie Brown will solicit committee members' availability for an August or September retreat to take place in person at the League's office.

g. **2022-2023 Taskforce Co-Chairs & Committee Members**
    i. The taskforce discussed reaching out to CEOs in each [region]() to join the committee for the 2022-2023 year. The goal is for the CEOs on the taskforce to reach out to their regional colleagues and recruit new committee members before the Fall retreat.
    ii. The taskforce will have a conversation about the taskforce co-chairs at the June meeting.

h. **Next (Last) Meeting**
    i. Friday, June 10, 2022, 7:30AM

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