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AFFORDABILITY, FOOD & HOUSING ACCESS TASKFORCE

Real Solutions to Real Challenges

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7:30AM – 9:00AM

Zoom Link:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/83286735330>

MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: Rudy Besikof, Marilyn Flores, Colleen Ganley, Martha Garcia, Tammeil Gilkerson, Adrienne Grey, Andra Hoffman, Rebekah Kalleen, James Preston, Diana Rodriguez, Matt Wetstein.

League Staff: Sadie Brown, Larry Galizio, Nune Garipian, Andrew Martinez, Ryan McElhinney, Lisa Mealoy.

● **STUDENT HOUSING HANDOUT UPDATE**

- The League's GR Team is developing a handout that highlights approved student housing projects and where they are at in their progress. The handout will help give the Legislature a sense of how CCC's are meeting the moment and will include the below data:
 - How much money did each college receive?
 - How many beds did the money receive provide colleges?
 - What are the construction - or shovel-ready - timelines?
 - Ratio of students facing homelessness (1 out of 5).
 - Ratio significantly higher at the community colleges than CSUs (1 out of 10) or UCs (1 out of 20).
 - Funding allocated to CCCs (\$545M) including information on cost escalation
- The committee recommended adding a sentence to the handout that notifies readers that some colleges will be included in the second and third wave of construction projects (in the beginning stages) and will need another wave of investment for their projects for the next fiscal year. Additionally, the committee suggested adding a link to the Housing 2.0 brief for additional information.
- Andra Hoffman provided the following article link to the committee to supplement the housing conversation:
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-11/california-community-colleges-want-affordable-student-housing>

● **REAL COLLEGE CALIFORNIA COALITION**

- The sub-committee provided the below updates regarding the Real College California Coalition:
 - The goal is to hire a staff person by early August 2023 who will manage the coalition membership and coordinate the regional convenings (North/South/Central) as well as the Basic Needs Summit. Additionally, they will take the lead on facilitating the Basic Needs Survey and making sure that the

information is probably disseminated to member participants and will work closely with the co-chairs on advocacy efforts for basic needs.

- The sub-committee asked the taskforce for their input and determination on the below items:
 - Approval for hiring a staff person using the taskforce’s account.
 - COMMITTEE INPUT: *Approved.*
 - Clarification on the process for hiring a staff person.
 - Does the taskforce lead this effort and hire a consultant or does the League hire staff on behalf of the taskforce?
 - COMMITTEE INPUT: *Will discuss details at a later date.*
 - Decision on the best organization to host the taskforce.
 - The League is the current fiscal agent to the taskforce.
 - COMMITTEE INPUT: *The League will continue to host the taskforce. The committee will look to other organizations as potential hosts over the next year. The committee discussed the importance of choosing an organization that allows the committee to remain independent and maintain ownership of the work and funds.*
- The sub-committee shared that the staff person would work with the co-chairs to provide a calendar of events and offerings to coalition members for the 2023-2024 year, necessitating hiring staff as soon as possible.
- Sadie Brown provided the below update on the taskforce’s budget:
 - Current funds via membership dues, summit registrations, and sponsorships: \$215k
 - Projected income via 2023-2024 membership dues: \$357k

● **BASIC NEEDS SURVEY**

- Tammeil Gilkerson reported that there were 88 colleges who participated in the survey, but that participation at each college varied widely. There were 86,000 student responses to the survey which is more than double the responses from the 2018 survey. The RP Group is currently working to clean up the data and will plan to disseminate the data to participants later in the summer. The report will be released with the data sets in August 2023.
- The Chancellor’s Office requested that the committee and RP Group release the data early in order for the Chancellor’s Office to respond to a survey question regarding housing that is required by the Legislature. Tammeil reported that the request was declined.
- The RP Group pulled a list of 20 student emails as winners of the opportunity drawing. Those students will receive a \$250 check for their participation in the survey. Sadie will follow up with the students to collect their information and the League’s finance office will mail checks to the students.

● **REVIEW 2022-2023 GOALS**

- The committee discussed the completion and or progress towards goals determined at the 2022 retreat. Below is a graph that summarizes the discussion.

GOALS	SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PROGRESS	NOTES
Reimagining the #RealCollegeCalifornia Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contract system-wide survey 	Keith Curry, James Preston, Marilyn Flores	COMPLETED Survey in progress; results to come 92 members; 88 survey participants	Continue to update taskforce webpage and revamp materials with new logo; determine coalition benefits and plan future convenings; staffing discussion to continue

<p>Resources and Access (possible brief)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zero Cost Textbooks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will \$115M be spent? 2. Broadband Access <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Revisit 2021 CEO Survey for feedback b. Technology focus 3. OER 	James Preston, Rudy Besikof (broadband)	INCOMPLETE	Will address possible brief in Summer 2023; starter kit & best practices; potentially offer a session on this topic at the Summit, CCLC Annual Convention, Legislative Conference, and/or at the regional convenings, making sure to target CSSOs; consider this topic as a theme for the Summit, “What does it mean to be burden free?”
<p>Free Meals for Students on Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative goal • EBT and requirements for campus-based vendors • Recommendations for contracts and updated board policies • Report on how campuses do their services (in-house vs. contract out) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey campuses for data; potential brief next year 	Andy Martinez, Colleen Ganley	INCOMPLETE	May prioritize Free Meals goal in the Summer/Fall to coincide with Federal advocacy efforts surrounding a potential amendment ensuring that restaurant meal programs would be eligible to CC students
<p>Financial Aid Cost of Attendance (possible brief)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #DoubleThePell • State and Federal Advocacy • Webinar series for CEOs • Session at Legislative Conference 	Matt Wetstein, Rudy Besikof, John Hernandez, Adrienne Grey, Colleen Ganley (interested to learn more)	COMPLETED	Link to brief ; general session at Trustees Conference
<p>Housing 2.0 (possible brief)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation • Affordability & Sustainability • Restate cost of living (regional focus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chief Financial Aid Officers to be included in conversation; partner on writing and advocacy 	Andra Hoffman, Rebekah Cearley, Carie Camacho, Dorothy Battenfeld, Nune Garipian, Lisa Mealoy	COMPLETED	Link to brief ; GR team completing Student Housing handout

● **2023 AFHAT RETREAT**

- The taskforce will prioritize early August to host the retreat in preparation for the 2023-2024 year. A poll will be sent out for the committee to decide whether Friday, August 4 or Friday, August 11 works best with members’ schedules. The poll will also include members’ preference for keeping the retreat in Sacramento or moving it to a campus.
- The below items will be discussed during the retreat:
 - Review of 2022-2023 Goals
 - Planning 2023-2024 Goals
 - Review Basic Needs Survey Data
 - 2023 Basic Needs Summit
 - 2023-2024 Regional Convenings
 - Discuss Role of Coalition Staff/Consultant
 - Formalize Processes and Procedures for Taskforce and Coalition

● **2023-2024 CO-CHAIRS**

- The committee approved Tammeil Gilkerson and Matthew Wetstein as co-chairs for the 2023-2024 year.

● **RESOURCES**

- [Historical Timeline and Achievements](#)
- Taskforce Webpage: www.ccleague.org/AFHAT