

To: CCCAOE Board & SCCRC
From: Robert Cabral, CCCAOE Advocacy Chair and Immediate Past President
RE: **Consultation Council Report**

Date: July 17, 2025

Background and Council Representation:

The Chancellor's Office (CO) presented updates on relevant developments and time-sensitive changes since the previous Consultation Council meeting, as well as digest items previously presented that may require additional consultation.

Consultation Council Members

Mario Rodriguez, Association of Chief Business Officers (ACBO)

Willy Duncan, Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA)

Julianna Mosier, Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers (ACHRO/EEO)

Cheryl Aschenbach, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)

LaTonya Parker, Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)

Eric Kaljumägi, Community College Association/California Teachers Association (CCA/CTA)

Jim Mahler, Community College Council/California Federation of Teachers (CCC/CFT)

Robert Cabral, California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE)

Omar Torres, California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO)

K. Frindell Teuscher, California Community College Independents (CCCI)

Andra Hoffman, California Community College Trustees (CCCT)

Pamela Ford, Council of Classified Employees/California Federation of Teachers (CCE/CFT)

Larry Galizio, Community College League of California (CCLC)

Roger Schultz, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC)

Manuel Payan, California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Christopher Sweeten, Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO)

Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges (FACCC)

Ivan Hernandez, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Annie Koruga, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Chancellor's Office Administrators

Sonya Christian, Ph.D., Chancellor

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Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Support

Ernest Shih, Vice Chancellor, Information Security and Technology

Meeting Notes:

Meeting started at 9:05AM

Key Agenda Items:

ITEM 1.1: CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

Acknowledgements:

Robert leaving and Tina as incoming.

Final Budget

Final Budget – June 30, 2025

The budget provides -

- Provides a total of \$239.9 million across the 2024-25 and 2025-26 budget years to support 2.35 percent enrollment growth.
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Will be announcing the new Vice Chancellor positions this month.

ITEM 1.2: STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

Report out of activities

ITEM 1.3: VISION 2030: A ROADMAP FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE JULY 2025 EDITION

Vision 2030 – 2025 edition going to BOG

Section 5 changes – looking at spheres of engagement

Reimagining Access:

Bringing college to students

Focus on rural communities

Honoring learning wherever it occurs (CPL, Online)

Engaging fully in the opportunities and risks in generative AI

Driving Progress:

- Goals- reordered

- Outcomes- updated
- Benchmarks – evaluated
- Strategic Directions – reaffirmed
- Demonstration Projects – included
- Workplans

Visualization took coming by end of July to easily navigate the document.

ITEM 1.4: CURRENT STATE BUDGET, 2026-27 SHARED ADVOCACY REQUEST, AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Framed by stock market volatility

Impact on tariffs

Increase in state costs

Deficit of approx. \$12B

No core reductions to CC programs or services

Secures COLA increase \$244MM

Provides \$140MM growth

Provides one-time \$3.8mm tax backfills and \$8mm in FY '26

Defers \$408MM from SCFF for FY '26 to FY '27

Tech and Data Systems: \$12mm for cloud data platform

CPL: \$15mm one time and \$5mm ongoing, \$25mm to implement Career Passport

\$60mm from SWP for the 2nd year of rebuilding nursing infrastructure

Chancellors' office currently monitoring 56 T1 bills.

See Legislative Matrix for Bill progress

AB 363 Held

SB 308 2 yr bill

SB 391 Senate floor

FULL AGENDA:

ITEM 1.1: CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

Contact(s)

Sonya Christian, Chancellor

Issue

The Chancellor's Office will provide the Consultation Council with an update on relevant developments since the last Consultation Council meeting and provide any updates on time-sensitive changes including items previously presented that may require additional consultation.

Background

The May 2025 meeting minutes can be found on the Chancellor's Office website (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Consultation-Council/agendas-and-minutes).

Feedback/Questions for Council

This digest item is presented to the Consultation Council as information.

Attachments

None.

ITEM 1.2: STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

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Contacts

Jerry Reyes, President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Chris Chandler, Vice President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Issue

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges will update the Consultation Council members on the Student Senate for California Community Colleges' (SSCCC) current initiatives, legislative stances, system participation, and board status.

Background

The SSCCC will present the council with an update on actions taken by the SSCCC Board of Directors (Board) since the previous Consultation Council meeting, as well as concerns raised by the Board and constituents, including, but not limited to, legislative updates and the current state of the SSCCC.

Student Senate Priorities

- The SSCCC leaders attended two national conferences in May: the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) in New York and the Education Writers Association conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Both events were informative and garnered SSCCC national recognition.
- The SSCCC proudly co-hosted the Faculty Leadership Institute with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges this June at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. Now in its fourth year, this collaboration welcomed over 30 new student leaders, who joined new faculty leaders in exploring key topics such as participatory governance, the Brown Act, budget processes, resolution writing, and more. This joint institute continues to strengthen shared governance by fostering mutual understanding and leadership development across students and faculty.
- The SSCCC leadership, both incoming and outgoing, held a transition meeting June 20 - 22, 2025, to ensure a smooth and informed handoff of responsibilities. During the meeting, outgoing leaders shared key insights, reflected on accomplishments and challenges from their term, and provided guidance on ongoing initiatives. Incoming board members also had the opportunity to ask questions, gain clarity on their roles, and begin building relationships with their peers and staff.
- Incoming President, Jerry Reyes, and two other student leaders participated in panel discussions at the ASCCC Curriculum Institute in July at the Ontario Convention Center in Irvine.

Legislative Priorities

- The SSCCC is actively tracking and advocating for several key bills as they progress through the legislative process. Following Suspense Day and recent floor sessions, our sponsored bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 409 (Arambula), along with four co-sponsored bills, Senate Bill (SB) 98 (Pérez), SB 271 (Reyes), AB 323 (Fong), and SB 323 (Pérez), have successfully advanced to the second floor for further consideration.

- Legislative Affairs Directors from SSSCC participated in several legislative visits, leading virtual meetings with Assemblymembers Jackson, Gonzalez, Boerner, Sharp-Collins, Muratsuchi, and Fong. During these visits, they advocated for SB 323 in collaboration with the University of California Student Association (UCSA) and the California State Student Association (CSSA), representing all three higher education systems and sharing student perspectives and stories.

The SSSCC is committed to providing both in-person and written testimony for these important bills and will continue advocating on behalf of all two million California community college students.

Feedback/Questions for Council

More information may be found in the [June 2025 SSSCC newsletter](http://www.ssscc.org/sites/default/files/newsletter/June%202025%20Newsletter.pdf) online (www.ssscc.org/sites/default/files/newsletter/June%202025%20Newsletter.pdf)

Attachments

None.

ITEM 1.3: VISION 2030: A ROADMAP FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE JULY 2025 EDITION

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Contacts

Rowena Tomaneng, Deputy Chancellor

John Hetts, Executive Vice Chancellor, Innovation, Data, Evidence, and Analytics

James Todd, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

Ginni May, Visiting Executive, Educational Services and Support

Terrence Willet, Visiting Assistant Vice Chancellor, Research and Data Analytics

Issue

The Board of Governors is presented with the *Vision 2030: A Roadmap for California Community Colleges, The July 2025 Edition*, a framework for systemwide action to advance equity in access, equity in success, and equity in support for current and future students in the California Community Colleges.

Background

In September 2023, *Vision 2030: A Roadmap for California Community Colleges* was approved by the Board of Governors and launched by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. It was a call to action for the 116 colleges to lead with equity, act with urgency, and serve as a force for economic mobility, environmental stewardship, and social justice. That living document was collaboratively developed to provide focus and direction for the California Community Colleges.

During the preparation of *Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition*, Consultation Council Members were invited to provide feedback and impressions during the April and May meetings with additional impressions requested in June.

On July 22, 2025, the Board of Governors will consider a refresh of Vision 2030, not as a change in direction, but as a recommitment to the shared goals. *Vision 2030: A Roadmap for California Community Colleges, The July 2025 Edition* reflects what has been learned over the past 22 months, clarifies the approach to innovation and governance, and expands the framework to incorporate the challenges and opportunities emerging across the state of California, the economy, and the system.

The elements of *Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition* remain organized on intersecting goals and strategic directions bringing student access to the forefront:

Goals: 1. Equity in Access – 2. Equity in Success – 3. Equity in Support

Three Strategic Directions remain framing updated Actions:

1. Equitable Baccalaureate Attainment
2. Equitable Workforce and Economic Development
3. Generative Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Learning

Additional areas of emphases include:

- Reaching every Californian by bringing college to them;
- Engaging in generative artificial intelligence to reshape how students learn, educators teach, and institutions operate;
- Leading climate action to build pathways to a green economy and curricula that prepare college graduates to care for the planet.

Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition also captures the system's current momentum and continued commitment to serving California through the following:

- **Demonstration Projects** that are exploratory in nature, designed to build, test, evaluate, and improve, creating blueprints for success.

- Vision 2030 **Workplans** outline activities, timelines, and resources allocated to implement specific goals and actions.

The *Vision 2030 July 2025 Edition* is presented in two formats:

- [PDF document](http://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/vision2030/vision-2030-report) (www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/vision2030/vision-2030-report) – a narrative description of Vision 2030 - The July 2025 Edition.
- [Dynamic microsite](http://www.cccco.edu/Vision2030) (www.cccco.edu/Vision2030) – a website to guide the reader through the elements of *Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition* will be active by July 22, 2025.

Feedback/Questions for Council

This digest item is presented to Consultation Council for continued discussion and engagement. Council members are encouraged to read *Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition* and explore the dynamic microsite. In particular, *Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition* will be a focus on our discussion, with clarity in changes that took place since the last Consultation Council meeting and an overview of the dynamic microsite. Feedback related to grammatical errors, punctuation and clarity are welcomed and should be emailed to Ginni May at gmay@ccccc.edu.

Attachments

None.

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Contact(s)

Chris Ferguson, Executive Vice Chancellor, Finance and Strategic Initiatives

David O’Brien, Vice Chancellor, External Relations

Linda Vazquez, Ed.D., Assistant Vice Chancellor, State and Federal Relations

Issue

This item provides the Board of Governors (Board) with a summary of the 2025-26 Enacted State Budget and the implications for California Community Colleges, as well as a brief overview of the 2026-27 System Budget and Legislative Request (also known as the “Shared Advocacy Request”) and its process and timelines. Also included are State and Federal Advocacy updates from the Chancellor’s Office Government Relations Division.

Background

California law (Education Code Section 70901(b)(4)) requires the Board to provide representation, advocacy and accountability for the system before state and national legislative and executive agencies. The Procedures and Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”) of the Board of Governors provide guidance to the Chancellor in representing the California Community Colleges on matters pending before the California Legislature and Governor, Congress and the President. The Standing Orders also authorize the Chancellor to take positions on pending legislation on behalf of the Board, as specified (Standing Orders Section 317).

2025-26 State Budget Highlights for California Community Colleges

Significant economic uncertainty has permeated almost every aspect of the state budget. While 2024-25 revenues are about \$1 billion more than estimated by the Administration in May, recent federal discretionary actions, stock market volatility, and the impact of tariffs are projected to result in slower economic growth. The enacted State Budget includes overall state General Fund spending of about \$228 billion, an increase of about 8% compared to the enacted budget for 2024-25. Additionally, \$174 billion of federal funds spending is projected to flow through the state treasury, but that amount may change significantly over the next few months.

Below are some key features of the final budget adjustments for the community college system:

- Provides \$12 million one-time for the Common Cloud Data Platform.
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Staff will provide a comprehensive update and address efforts underway to maintain fiscal stability in this time of revenue uncertainty. For more information, including the Joint Analysis prepared by the Chancellor's Office in partnership with the Community College League of California, the Association of California Community Colleges Administrators, and the Association of Chief Business Officials, please visit the [Budget News](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Budget-News) (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Budget-News) section of the Chancellor's Office website.

2026-27 Shared Advocacy Request Process

Each year, the Chancellor's Office invites members of the Consultation Council, the system's Chief Executive Officers, and the Chancellor's Executive Team to submit items for consideration as part of the System Budget and Legislative Request. This document, which will be presented to the Board of Governors for review and approval in September, reflects the major budget and legislative priorities shared by the Chancellor and system partners, and forms the basis of our advocacy for the following year.

Staff will provide an update on the 2026-27 Shared Advocacy Request, including major themes expected for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Feedback/Questions for Council

The Chancellor's Office will seek feedback on any budget and legislative items, issues, and priorities included in this update.

Attachments

1. [Chancellor's Office Budget News Webpage](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Budget-News) (2025-26 Joint Analysis of the Governor's May Revise (will be posted on or before July 10, 2025)) (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Budget-News)
2. State and Federal Policy Update

Attachment: State and Federal Policy Update

This document is prepared by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office as part of its regular monthly and bimonthly updates for the Consultation Council and the Board of Governors, respectively. The information presented herein is current as of July 2, 2025, at the time of items were due. The latest information will be provided to Board of Governors at the time of the presentation.

State Legislation Overview

As of this writing, the Chancellor's Office is tracking 56 active Tier 1 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB). These bills are most likely to have a direct impact on the California Community Colleges, students, faculty, staff, operations, programs, and services.

A full Legislative Matrix with bill descriptions and bill status can be found by visiting the [State Relations page on the Chancellor's Office website](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation) (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation). You can also find text for each bill on [LegInfo](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

Board of Governors Sponsored Legislation

1. AB 363 (Bryan) Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
2. SB 308 (Seyarto) Community colleges and the California State University: reports: elimination. **TWO-YEAR BILL**
3. SB 391 (Laird) Community colleges: Chancellor of the California Community Colleges: data request fee policy

Academic Pathways, Instruction, and Transfer

4. AB 662 (Alvarez) Postsecondary education: intersegmental institution of higher education in the City of Chula Vista: South County Higher Education Planning Task Force.
5. AB 731 (Fong) Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships. **SUPPORT**
6. AB 1093 (Solache) Public postsecondary education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program.
7. AB 1400 (Soria) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.
8. SB 423 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Inmate labor: Enhancing Workforce Development for Incarcerated Firefighters Act.
9. SB 640 (Cabaldon) Public postsecondary education: admission, transfer, and enrollment.
10. Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 82 (Niello): Public higher education: artificial intelligence usage.

Affordability, Financial Aid, and Tuition/Fees

11. AB 88 (Ta) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.
12. AB 264 (Carrillo) Veterans: benefits.
13. AB 313 (Ortega) Student financial aid: application deadlines: extension. **SUPPORT**

- 14. AB 402 (Patel) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program and the California Community College Expanded Entitlement Program.
- 15. AB 537 (Ahrens) Community colleges: California College Promise. **SUPPORT**
- 16. Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 40 Student financial aid: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data. **SUPPORT**
- 17. SB 67 (Seyarto) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.
- 18. SB 323 (Pérez) Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act application. **SUPPORT**

Apportionments and Attendance Accounting

- 19. AB 268 (Kalra) State holidays: Diwali.
- 20. AB 395 (Gabriel) Holidays.
- 21. AB 1346 (DeMaio) Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of members of the Armed Forces: reenrollments.
- 22. SB 790 (Cabaldon) Postsecondary education: postsecondary education coordinating entity: interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education: out-of-state private postsecondary educational institutions.

Basic Needs

- 23. AB 42 (Bryan) CalWORKs: CalFresh: eligibility: income and resource exclusions.
- 24. AB 79 (Arambula) Public social services: higher education.
- 25. AB 90 (Jackson) Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking.
- 26. AB 593 (Wicks) CalFresh: data sharing. **SUPPORT**
- 27. SB 271 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: students with dependent children: childcare services, resources, and programs. **SUPPORT**
- 28. SB 761 (Ashby) CalFresh: student eligibility. **SUPPORT**

District Meetings, Organization, and Elections

- 29. AB 287 (Lackey) Elections: polling places and vote centers.
- 30. AB 409 (Arambula) Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations and student-run organizations.
- 31. SB 226 (Cabaldon) Community colleges: territory transfers between districts.
- 32. SB 744 (Cabaldon) Accrediting agencies.

Housing/Facilities

- 33. AB 48 (Alvarez) College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026. **SUPPORT**

- 34.** AB 648 (Zbur) Community colleges housing: Local zoning regulations: exemption. **SUPPORT**
- 35.** AB 893 (Fong) Housing development projects: objective standards: campus development zone. **SUPPORT**

Labor and Employment

- 36.** AB 65 (Aguiar-Curry) School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave.
- 37.** AB 340 (Ahrens) Employer-employee relations: confidential communications.
- 38.** AB 374 (Nguyen) K–14 classified employees: payment of wages: itemized statements.
- 39.** AB 1028 (Fong) Community colleges: part-time faculty.
- 40.** SB 241 (Cervantes) Community colleges: personnel: qualifications. **SUPPORT**
- 41.** SB 494 (Cortese) Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: appeals: contracted administrative law judges.

Law Enforcement

- 42.** AB 992 (Irwin) Peace officers. **SUPPORT**
- 43.** SB 385 (Seyarto) Peace officers.

Local Administrative Policies and Procedures

- 44.** AB 466 (Solache) Public postsecondary education: Donate Life California: educational information.

Omnibus Higher Education

- 45.** SB 619 (Education) Public postsecondary education.

Student Equity

- 46.** AB 243 (Ahrens) Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection.
- 47.** AB 727 (M. Gonzalez) Pupil and student safety: statewide resources: identification cards.

Student Safety and Protection

- 48.** AB 1098 (Fong) Postsecondary education: undergraduate and graduate students: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues.

Undocumented Students

- 49. AB 695 (Fong) California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act.
- 50. SB 98 (Perez) Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification. **SUPPORT**
- 51. SB 670 (Cervantes) Adult Education Program: immigrant integration.

Workforce and Career Education

- 52. AB 323 (Fong) Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities. **SUPPORT**
- 53. AB 338 (Solache) Workforce development: the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura: 2025 wildfires. **SUPPORT**
- 54. AB 1207 (Irwin) Climate change: market-based compliance mechanism: price ceiling.
- 55. SB 275 (Hurtado) Eligible training provider list.
- 56. SB 345 (Hurtado) California Fire Service Training and Education Program: California Fire and Arson Training Act: fees.
- 57. SB 638 (Padilla) California Education and Workforce Development Coordinating Entity: Career Technical Education and Career Pathways Grant Program.
- 58. SB 845 (Pérez) Pupil instruction: career technical education, career education, and apprenticeships.

Federal Update

Budget Update

On July 1, the Senate voted 51-50, with Vice President Vance casting the decisive vote, to approve its budget reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* (with the House passing its own version on May 22). The bill represents major changes to a wide range of domestic policies, including many that affect students, families, and education systems and institutions. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) analyzed H.R.1 and estimate that it would:

- Increase the primary budget deficit by \$2.4 trillion over the next decade;
- Lead to higher interest rates, increasing interest payments on the federal debt by \$441 billion over the next decade;
- Leave approximately 11.8 million more Americans uninsured by 2034 due to cuts and structural changes to key health care programs.

As of this writing, the is being considered in the House of Representatives. If the House also approves the bill, it will proceed to the President to be signed into law. If the House does not

pass the exact same version as the Senate's, the bill would require further negotiations between the two chambers of Congress before it could become law.

Federal Legislation

1. S.70412: Exclusion for Employer Payments of Student Loans: Allowing employer student loan payments up to \$5,250 annually to remain tax-free for both employers and employees indefinitely.
2. S.70413: Additionally, Expenses Treated as Qualified Higher Education Expenses for 529 Accounts: Allows tax exempt distributions from 529 savings plan to be used for additional education expenses in elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school.
3. S.70414: Postsecondary Credentialing Expenses as Qualified Higher Education Expenses: Allows 529 plans to cover expenses for recognized post-secondary credential programs and cost associated with obtaining recognized post-secondary credentials.
4. S.70415: Modification of Excise Tax on Investment Income of Certain Private Colleges and Universities: The Senate version proposes raising the endowment tax on private colleges and universities and maintaining the tiered structure of the House version. This exempts religious colleges and requires colleges to take on international students of the total roll call when calculating the endowment's value per student.
5. S.71124: Creates Work Requirements for Medicaid Enrollees: Would have able-bodied adults from ages 19 to 64 to work at least 80 hours a month as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid.
6. S.71120: Reduction of Provider Taxes: Would prohibit non-expansion states from increasing the rate of current provider taxes of increasing the base of the tax to a class or items of services that the tax did not previously apply.
7. S.70416: Expanding application of tax on excess compensation within tax-exempt organizations: Imposes an excise tax equal to the corporate tax rate on tax-exempt organizations that pay over \$1 million in compensation or excess parachute payments to certain highly paid employees. Allows broadens the definition of "covered employees" to include any employee of the tax-exempt organization who earns over \$1 million, removing previous limiting language.
8. H.R. 3943: The Opportunity to Address College Hunger Act: Requires institutions of higher education to inform students who receive federal work-study or who are eligible to receive the Pell Grant that they may qualify for SNAP benefits and giving qualifying students office documentation of their eligibility.
9. H.R.3994: Understanding Student Parent Outcomes Act: Aims to support pregnant and parenting students by collecting data on barriers to graduating college for

pregnant students, student parents, and caregivers. Also connects students with childcare, leave options, and other accommodations at their institutions.

- 10. S.2036/H.R 3913: Putting American Students First Act:** Would prohibit undocumented students from accessing TRIO.

Administration Update

Department of Education

The One Big Beautiful Bill (H.R.1) would significantly impact the Department of Education and has raised concerns about potential effects on critical education programs. These include changes to state funding for schools, reductions in the number of students eligible for free meals, modifications to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and revised eligibility requirements to the Pell Grant.

Executive Orders and Memorandums

There have no new education related executive orders and memorandums this past month.

Appointments

As of June 21, 2025, the U.S Department of Education has announced seven new appointments. This includes the following individuals:

- Lindsey Burkey; Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Programs
- Jeffrey Andrade; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education
- Christopher J. McCaghren; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs, Office of Postsecondary Education
- Nicholas “Nick” Moore; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education
- Jason Delisle; Chief Economist and Senior Adviser, Office of the Under Secretary
- Casey K. Sacks, Ph.D.; Senior Policy Advisor, Workforce, and AI
- Meir Katz; Senior Advisor, Office for Civil Rights

Judicial

On June 17, the Department of Education announced that it is referring its investigation into the New York Department of Education (NYDE) and the New York State Board of Regents (the Board) for their unlawful attempt to ban mascots and logos that celebrate Native American history to the U.S. Department of Justice for enforcement. This action comes as the NYDE and the Board rejected the Department’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR)’s proposed Resolution Agreement that would bring both entities into compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964) by rescinding its prohibition on Native American mascots and logos.

Advocates

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ITEM 1.5: OTHER

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Contact(s)

Rowena Tomaneng, Deputy Chancellor

Issue

This digest item provides members of the Consultation Council an opportunity to make announcements or seek collaborations that will help our system better serve students.

Background

Not applicable.

Feedback/Questions for Council

This digest item is presented to the Consultation Council for information and discussion.

Attachments

None.