



**BOG Sponsored Legislative Package  
Consultation Council  
January 19, 2012**

Each year the Government Relations staff presents the Board of Governors with proposed legislation that, if approved, becomes the Board's sponsored bill package for the upcoming legislative session. All legislative decisions are guided by the Board's statement of Legislative Principles (see Attachment 1). On January 10, 2012 the Board approved the following sponsored legislative package for the 2012 legislative session.

***Student Success Task Force Legislative Framework:***

Given the extensive work of the Student Success Task Force (SSTF) throughout 2011 and the public vetting process that followed, the Board approved a legislative framework for implementing specific SSTF recommendations. The following student success recommendations will be packaged into one to four bills and will be subject to ongoing discussions and collaboration with members of the Legislature as well as stakeholder groups, including students, faculty, CEOs and others. The exact language and number of Student Success bills will be determined at a later date based on these discussions.

1. Recommendation 2.2. and 8.2. Together, these recommendations prioritize student support services as a central component of a student's success. *The legislation would: 1) prioritize core student support services encompassed within the current Matriculation program and recast these services to align with the recommendations of the Student Success Task Force; 2) require incoming community college students to take a diagnostic assessment, participate in an orientation and develop an education plan upon initial enrollment at a community college; and 3) provide fiscal resources to colleges to offer these core support services to newly enrolled community college students.*
2. Recommendation 3.2. This recommendation requires students receiving a Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver to meet the following conditions and requirements: a) Identify a degree, certificate, transfer or career advancement goal within a specified timeframe; b) meet statewide community college academic and progress standards to be eligible for the fee waiver renewal; and c) limit the number of units covered under a BOG Fee Waiver to 110 units. *The legislation would codify these conditions and requirements and would establish an appeals and intervention process.*
3. Recommendation 7.1. This recommendation proposes to develop and support a strong community college system office with commensurate authority, appropriate staffing and adequate resources to provide leadership, oversight, technical assistance and dissemination of best practices. *The legislation would authorize the State Chancellor to appoint Vice Chancellors in the system office. It would also permit the Chancellor's Office to promulgate Title 5 regulations with reduced oversight from the Department of Finance, based on specified conditions.*

4. Recommendation 7.2. and 7.3. These recommendations directs the System Chancellor to work with college districts in developing specific goals for student success and to report progress towards meeting these goals in a public and transparent manner. A score card will serve as a new accountability tool that would provide key student metrics in a clear and concise manner by campus and disaggregated by gender, racial, and ethnic groups. *Legislation would direct the Chancellor's Office to work in consultation with districts and colleges to identify specific goals for student success and report their progress toward meeting these goals. This would include the development of new student success score card that would be built on the existing Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges.*

***Reauthorization of Economic and Workforce Development Program:***

The Board also approved legislation to reauthorize the Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program. This program will sunset on January 1, 2013 unless reauthorized.

*The legislation will extend authorization of the EWD program for five more years and sharpen the focus of the program to address emerging state economic and workforce needs.*

**Key Activities:**

- Draft legislation reflecting policies adopted in the SSTF recommendations that require statutory changes and provide implementation guidance.
- Form work groups of experts to advise on policy development.
- Meet legislative deadlines for advancing legislation.