

## Fall 2016 State Plenary Session Summaries: Tara J Johnson

### Technology Session: 5 key areas of focus

1. Integration of system-level tech tools at CC's  
Initiatives: Online Education, Education Planning, Common Assessment, Common Portal
2. Implementation of system-wide data integration for best practices & transparency among colleges
3. Establishment of fully-funded & sustainable IT infrastructure
4. Technology to help determine student demand, availability of pre-requisites & avoid conflicting courses, etc.
5. System-wide accessibility of technology for students and CC employees

### Minimum Qualifications, the Disciplines List, & Equivalency

- Emphasized that MQ's are just a 'component' of the hiring process. We want the broadest group of people to consider, but it doesn't mean we are going to hire them. We want to be able to **consider** them.
- MQ's are approved by BOG given AS & Discipline faculty direction.
- Faculty have greater control of MQ's in Disciplines List because those left in Title 5 allow additional input by legislators which can add years to the process & possible unintended changes.
- A Resolution passed to open the Disciplines List each year instead of every two years (many CTE positions need updating).
- There is inequity across the state with MQ's & equivalency. If an applicant has no experience with CC's, the hiring process is very complex. There are particular issues with CTE hires which is a big push now due to Strong Work-Force Initiative.
- CC's have the option to Develop Faculty Interns: find promising students on a pathway to CTE, steer them to AA's, keep them engaged in CC with Advisory boards, tutoring, etc. for 6yrs then bring in under equivalency as faculty. In essence to "grow our own faculty".

### Transfer Pathways Session:

- Transfer Pathways assist students to complete major courses at CC with guaranteed admission to "a" CSU (it may not be the CSU of choice).
- CSU must accept 60 units and enable completion of BA within 60 units without repeat of similar content.
- Challenges:
  - Not all CSU's accept all ADT's
  - How to track where transfer students were accepted and IF they attended.
  - Are we giving false hope to students?
- There was also talk about the UC's plan to move to a semester system.

### The Legislative Update

- SB 906: Established priority registration for homeless students (age out at 24 and is tied to Foster Youth support).
- SB 66: Makes licensing info avail to CCC's via Consumer Affairs to track how many students pass licensure exams (implementation pending).

- AB 1690: Created minimum standards for adjunct faculty in collective bargaining.
- ACR (Assembly Concurrent Resolution) was passed re: Post-secondary transfer between public systems of higher education (CC, CSU, & UC). The focus is on CSU's.
- Other priorities adopted by BOG: Diversity in faculty, Permanent C-ID's (Course Ident #'s), & Audit fee adjustments.
- Academic Senate encourages all faculty get engaged about legislation: May 9<sup>th</sup> is CC Lobby Day in Sacramento! Watch for events.