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Regards,
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Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Shifts Regional Attention to Workforce as it Declares War on Poverty

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Southern California Leadership Council joined forces to host August 20th’s Fifty Years into the War on Poverty Summit. Vice Chancellor Ton-Quinlivan appeared on the closing panel that focused on potential solutions for Southern California’s regional battles with poverty and educational attainment. Her comments focused on workforce development. Visit http://economy.scag.ca.gov for startling data and Summit. At the end of the Summit, SCAG’s business advisory group, the GLUE Council, was charged to develop to potential slate of follow up actions and/or recommendations that would be unveiled at the 5th Annual Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Summit on December 4, 2014. SCAG was originally formed to regionally plan infrastructure needs of Southern California.

PRACTICAL TIPS

FAQS ON THE NEW $50M CTE ENHANCEMENT FUND

The 2014-15 State Budget provided one-time funds to address the high cost of retooling, enhancing and expansion of CTE programs to meet the needs of regional economies. The administration of these funds to community colleges and answers to commonly asked questions are being posted here.

TIPS FOR VALIDATING LAUNCHBOARD DATA

Interested in viewing “Chancellor’s Office approved” and “non-Chancellor’s Office approved” certificates in the Launchboard in order to improve program coding? Want to view a detailed Data Element Dictionary for each element within Launchboard?

A new resource explains what it will take to do both types of data clean-up. Email this tip onto your Institutional Researchers by forwarding them this eUpdate.
New WIOA Law Affects Federal Flow of Funds to States

Vice Chancellor Ton-Quinlivan joined U.S. Senate Finance Committee Scott Cheney and staff of the U.S. Department of Labor (pictured here with Assistant Secretary of Labor Portia Wu and Regional Director Virginia Hamilton) at the September Meeting of the Minds conference of the California Workforce Association. Cheney and Wu emphasized the “serious system change” sought in the new Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) signed into law by President Obama after 11 years of deliberations. States must develop one integrated State Plan across the flows of federal funding rather than independent plans as in the past. The seven jobs-driven principles announced by Vice President Biden at the signing of WIOA will be infused across the $14B of federal funding streams to the states.

Meet CCCCO Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs: Dr. Pamela Walker

What motivated you to join the Chancellor's Office?

I have done work in higher education just over four decades, so I have a real understanding of the work we are trying to do in both two and four year colleges. I felt that I'd had a good run at American River College over the past 13 years, from Dean to VP, and even interim President.

In the years I have left, I wanted to take the uniqueness of the many positions I’ve had, and see how I can help from a statewide perspective to deepen the many connections of our system. I’d like to find linkages and opportunities, both for seasoned professionals and new colleagues, to serve the system using the experiences I’ve had. And personally the chance to work again with Chancellor Brice Harris was a big part of the equation. I hope that The Chancellor’s Office is an environment where I believe I can use my understanding and experiences to bridge opportunities and make a collective difference.

What issues are you most passionate about as they relate to
Higher education is the great equalizer, and I feel fortunate that I am part of the academy. I appreciate the creativity of curriculum development and the opportunity to have colleagues find their teaching passion as a way to change lives. I’ve been fortunate to witness students change, one student at a time but we certainly must keep developing systems where more students find the path! I believe that we all are part of the education environment, whether it’s transfer or with a CTE focus. My goal is to support the work we do in the Academic Affairs Division and to develop linkages with our student services colleagues as well as our workforce colleagues that will lead to student success. I believe in the work we do, and will continue to ask, “Is this going to be good for students?”

**What one change would you champion at the state level for colleges to be more attuned with workforce skill needs?**

I think if there was just one thing, it’s going to be important that I help facilitate the dialogue with the Academic Senate, the Instructional Vice Presidents, and with workforce partners to insure the right curriculum is in place to be delivered so our students can transition into careers.