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California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott Presents Student Success Task Force Draft Recommendations at Senate Subcommittee Informational Hearing

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Chancellor [Jack Scott](#)
California Community Colleges Executive Vice Chancellor [Erik Skinner](#)
California Community Colleges Vice Chancellors [Marlene Garcia](#) and [Dan Troy](#)
CSU, Sacramento Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy Director [Dr. Nancy Shulock](#)
California Community Colleges Academic Senate Past President Dr. Jane Patton
Los Rios Community College District Chancellor [Dr. Brice Harris](#)
Student Senate for California Community Colleges Representative Samantha Elliot

- ❖ **What:** A presentation and panel discussion on the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force draft recommendations. This informational hearing is for the Senate Subcommittee on Education Policy Research and is open to the public.

- ❖ **When & Where:** **Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 10 a.m. to noon**
California State Capitol
Capitol Hearing Room 112

The hearing can be viewed live at: <http://senate.ca.gov/audiotv>

- ❖ **Why:** California's economy depends on increasing the number of community college students who obtain job training certificates, degrees and transfer to four-year universities. Countless Californians are turning to the community colleges for help at a time when state and federal resources are diminishing. Community colleges must prioritize the types of classes being offered, place an emphasis on increasing student persistence and graduation rates and get creative about helping students reach their educational goals on time.

A California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force was appointed by the board of governors in January 2011 to examine strategies and develop recommendations for promoting student success, including improving the student assessment process, delivering remedial instruction, increasing academic counseling, and using technology to help students reach their goals faster.

Chancellor Scott, his executive team, and members of the task force will address completion hurdles and discuss draft recommendations designed to help the California Community Colleges improve student achievement. The draft recommendations will be developed into a plan to be considered by the board of governors and subsequently presented to the Legislature no later than March 2012.

- ❖ **MORE:** A copy of California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force draft recommendations can be viewed at –

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>

Public input on the draft recommendations is encouraged and can be submitted at –

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce/PublicComments.aspx>

Contact Paige Marlatt Dorr if you would like to interview Chancellor Scott regarding the draft recommendations, potential statutory changes needed for implementation, or next steps for the project.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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