



Business Services Council

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | 10:30am – 11:30am
Via Webex

Sheldon K. Smith, Ed.D., President

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome & Introductions** – Sheldon K. Smith, Ed.D. | 10:30am
Attendees: Ted Alejandre, Iván Carrillo, Tara Clark, Paula Ford, Vivian Hamilton, Shannon Hansen, Ruben Hernandez, Kraig Magnussen, Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard, Rob Perez, Sheldon Smith, Kristy Tchamourian

- II. **Supplemental & Concentration Grant Carryover Proposal** | 10:30 - 10:40am
 - Sara Pietrowski indicated that she heard similar concerns from other stakeholders as well as the BSC related to the complexity of the issue
 - She has also indicated that there would be significant changes to the language in the May Revise, addressing the concerns that BSC members indicated with regards to the use of estimated actuals for these calculations.
 - She is unable to provide language to us at this time but has requested a meeting with the BSC for the week of May 17, once the May Revise is issued around May 10. ACSA will work to schedule a meeting for the morning of May 17 or the afternoon of May 18
 - ***Update:** The meeting has been scheduled for May 18th from 2-4PM to discuss the S&C Carryover language, as well as the May Revise

- III. **Proposed New Councils** | 10:40 - 11:40am
 - During the fall of 2020, the ACSA Board of Directors received a request from a Region to form two new State Councils which the Board referred to the Leadership Development Committee (LDC) for further study
 - The study will be conducted through *May 16, 2021*, during which time Regions and existing Committees and Councils are requested to submit feedback/input. After reviewing the feedback during this study, the Leadership Development Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors during its June 29, 2021 meeting
 - Several references are provided to facilitate feedback, include the following:
 - The rationale and description submitted for each proposed council (see text of survey)
 - An overview of ACSA's existing State Committees/Councils: (<https://www.acsa.org/About-Us/committees-councils>)
 - Proposed New Councils:
 - Early Education Council
 - Instructional Technology Council
 - **Early Education Council Proposal Feedback**

- Based on the purpose of this Council as described in the proposal, can the Committee/Council see a need for and/or value in forming this new Council now or in the near future? (Y/N) - **Yes**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - This does seem to be a distinct and definite need, particularly with the emphasis from the legislature and the governor in this area. This provides an opportunity for us to make a distinction between early education and transitional kindergarten - there is a blurriness at the top end of early education of what's elementary and what's pre-school so we have to be careful there.
 - We're (BSC/CBOs) going to be responsible for administering some of this program/funding – governor is going to commit to supporting these kids – will provide ACSA an opportunity to lend our voice to the governor
- Do you believe the formation of this proposed Council will be a benefit to ACSA, both statewide and in your Region? (Y/N) - **Yes**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - A benefit to forming this council is ACSA would be a leading voice in the conversation to define “early education” and make a distinction between Elementary Ed and transitional kindergarten. We would rather be leading the conversation than be on the back end. This also provides another opportunity to work with the Governor's office on this issue.
- Is this Council likely to expand ACSA membership by attracting new members to ACSA? (Y/N) - **Yes**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - If elementary education directors aren't currently ACSA members this could provide an opportunity for growth in membership for ACSA (if they have the salary level to be able to support ACSA dues).
 - Some districts run their own preschool programs, will likely see more people who want to be hands on in the early education process
- Is the purpose of or rationale for this new Council currently being met by your committee/council? (Y/N) - **No**
- Beyond the cost of hosting business meetings such as supplies, catering and member travel, are there any additional costs that should be anticipated specific to this new Council? (Y/N) - **No**
- ACSA Councils are typically composed of Region representatives plus several other internal and external representatives, with council size between 20-30members. In addition to Region representatives, should any other seats be included on the Council? (Y/N) - **No**
- Strengths: Can you identify any strengths related to forming this new Council?

- Governor is making determinations on this issue and focusing on early education distinction, this will give ACSA another opportunity to lend our voice to the Governor.
 - Weaknesses: Can you identify any weaknesses related to forming this new Council?
 - Need distinction between early education and transitional kindergarten. This could get messy without the distinction. The scope of the council is also not clear, what is the mission within ACSA, is this the correct organization? Potential weakness here, but with clarity it could be better.
 - Opportunities: Can you identify any opportunities related to forming this new Council?
 - Gives ACSA the opportunity to lead conversation in finding distinction between early education and transitional kindergarten. As long as we know the parameters of what this council does, and does not conflict with Elementary Ed. It will be an opportunity to provide a voice for ACSA in the Governor's work in this area.
 - Threats: Can you identify any threats related to forming this new Council?
 - There is concern whether this is outside of ACSA's scope/representation. What grades/groups is this? Many of the members we could attract could also be members of other organizations already. Another concern: Do ECE Employees have the salary levels to support ACSA dues?
 - Do you have any other questions or concerns about this new proposed council that this proposal does not address?
 - ECE employees may not have the salary levels to support ACSA dues. The definition of "early education" (i.e. grade level/age) is not clearly defined - where does "Early Education" end and "Elementary" begins, especially with the blurring of the lines related to TK eligibility.
- **Instructional Technology Council Proposal Feedback**
 - Based on the purpose of this Council as described in the proposal, can the Committee/Council see a need for and/or value in forming this new Council now or in the near future? (Y/N) – **Yes, tentatively**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - Yes (but also no, we are really torn and more information is needed) The scope of Instructional/Information Technology is very broad and encompasses everything from hardware, to software, to infrastructure, to support, to professional development. The work crosses between facilities, educational services, elementary and secondary education, student safety and cyber security, and a number of other areas. The group agreed that advocacy is important in these areas. Unique challenges to supporting this area and everything there is to support this group. With so many broadband bills this year that affect CBOs and Education, there may be a need. Would be helpful for

- districts to have a stronger voice. Broadband is becoming a necessity to learning.
 - Additional Needs: Lots of cyber security issues, strengthening voice around districts' need for broadband, many advocacy opportunities here
- Do you believe the formation of this proposed Council will be a benefit to ACSA, both statewide and in your Region? (Y/N) – **N/A**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - Seeking additional information, cannot really say.
- Is this Council likely to expand ACSA membership by attracting new members to ACSA? (Y/N) - **Yes**
 - If yes, please explain:
 - We do think this is an opportunity to increase our base, but it is iffy. There are already organizations that support this kind of support and advocacy – CITE and CUE. Instructional Technology is woven into Instruction. And it seems like IT may currently be more supported under CASBO's umbrella – is ACSA the place for this? We will not be the leading organization for this topic. We are supporting administrators, and administrators may be hands-off in this issue.
- Is the purpose of or rationale for this new Council currently being met by your committee/council? (Y/N) - **No**
- Beyond the cost of hosting business meetings such as supplies, catering and member travel, are there any additional costs that should be anticipated specific to this new Council? (Y/N) - **No**
- ACSA Councils are typically composed of Region representatives plus several other internal and external representatives, with council size between 20-30members. In addition to Region representatives, should any other seats be included on the Council? (Y/N) - **No**
- Strengths: Can you identify any strengths related to forming this new Council?
 - Advocacy opportunities, would be helpful for districts to have a stronger voice. Broadband is becoming a necessity to learning. Needs: lots of cyber security issues arising in the last year, distance learning will likely be an option moving forward. Broadband is an education issue.
- Weaknesses: Can you identify any weaknesses related to forming this new Council?
 - Many organizations already cover the issue of technology, we would be advertising to members who needs may already be met, or would need to collaborate with other organizations. Is this the right direction for the organization? We are an organization of administrators, but does this fall under administration or is this outside of ACSA's scope?
- Opportunities: Can you identify any opportunities related to forming this new Council?

- Advocacy, broadband access for education
- Threats: Can you identify any threats related to forming this new Council?
 - Same as above, concern with overlapping/overstepping membership in organizations, not sure if this is the right organization for this council or that ACSA can fully support the work as other organizations already do.
- Do you have any other questions or concerns about this new proposed council that this proposal does not address?
 - We are concerned with adding more councils, as there was an effort already to reduce the number of councils in ACSA a number of years ago due to overlap, so we want to make sure we're not re-creating that concern.

IV. **Adjourn** | 11:28am

Future Council Meeting Dates

Date	Meeting Location	Time
May 14, 2021 (Friday)	May Revise Budget Rapid Reaction Statewide Webinar Zoom *Date pending the release of the May Revise	4:00pm – 5:00pm
May 18, 2021	Supplemental and Concentration Grant Carryover Proposal Discussion / May Revise Debrief <i>Virtual</i>	2:00pm – 4:00pm
May 26, 2021 (Wednesday)	Business Services Council Meeting <i>Virtual</i>	10:00am – 12:00pm