

CLIC Update



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Policy Summit Highlights 2006 CLIC Activities

On October 3 and 4, the Chicano Latino Intersegmental Convocation hosted its second Policy Summit in Sacramento.



Approximately 175 higher education students, administrators and faculty, along with members of the legislature, legislative

staffers, K-12, non-profit, and corporate representatives attended the Summit. Among many, highlights of the Summit included welcome and keynote presentations by Senator Deborah Ortiz, Senator Gil Cedillo, the Honorable Cruz Reynoso (Professor of Law and former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court), Dr. Tomás Arciniega (President Emeritus, CSU Bakersfield and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, CSU), Dr. Alexander González (President, California State University, Sacramento), Dr. Leo Chávez (Superintendent/President, Sierra College), Dr. Francisco Rodríguez (President, Cosumnes River College, and Dr. Rita Cepeda (President, Mesa College). The Summit centered on developing an action plan in four areas critical to Latinos in Higher Education: **Reforming the California Master Plan, Enhancing Academic Preparation, Promoting Latino Faculty and Administrators, and Providing Support for Undocumented Students.** Each topic featured a plenary session with the presentation of a policy paper, response by a panel of experts, and a break-out session designed to develop priorities and strategies. Evaluations and anecdotal comments confirm that the Summit was timely and well received.

CLIC Begins 2007 in an Active Mode

During the first month and a half of 2007, CLIC held two important meetings.

With support from California ENLACE, a one-day follow-up meeting to the Policy Summit was held on January 19 in Manhattan Beach. The purpose of the meeting was to fine tune the action agenda on each of the four policy areas highlighted at the Summit. On February 15 at UCLA, planning began in earnest for the November 2007 CLIC Convocation. In concert with these activities, CLIC is in the process of submitting articles of incorporation to function as a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation and 501(c)(4) social welfare organization. These filings will allow CLIC to raise funds and play an educational role as a tax-exempt non-profit organization. The filings will further allow CLIC to lobby the Legislature unencumbered (within legal guidelines of course). Stay tuned for developments on each of these fronts.



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CLIC Planning Committee Members Invited to Important Policy Meetings

In recognition of its increased presence on the policy scene, CLIC Committee members have participated in three important recent policy gatherings. In early October 2006, CLIC Chair, Dr. Elena Macías was invited to report on CLIC activities at a National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) conference for school board members held in Del Mar.



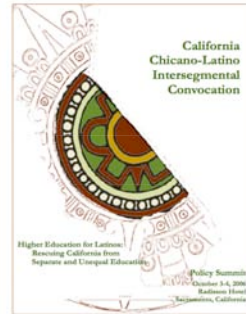
On October 17, four CLIC Planning Committee members helped comprise a group of about sixty state and national higher education leaders invited to attend a symposium in Pasadena on Policy Challenges Facing California Higher Education. The symposium was sponsored by Secretary of Education Alan Bersin, Senator Jack

Scott, and Assemblymember Carol Liu. CLIC representatives to the symposium were Dr. Macías, Policy Summit Co-chair Juan Yñiguez, and CLIC Committee Members Erica Romero (Executive Director of Western State Legislative Affairs, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) and Gonzalo Rojas (Director, Office of Collaborative Programs, San Diego State University).

The weekend of January 19-21 saw CLIC play a key role as a Policy Partner for the successful NALEO California Statewide Policy Institute on Higher Education Access and Success. At NALEO's invitation several CLIC members served on the advisory committee that helped develop the agenda for the Institute. Approximately 100 Latino California elected officials attended the Institute held in Manhattan Beach.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The next Chicano-Latino Intersegmental Convocation will take place November 9-11, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport.

