



## FACCC Policy Committee Meeting

November 2, 2023

2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Attendees:** Andrew Walzer, Joseph Bielanski, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Ian Walton, K. Frindell Teuscher, Richard Mahon, Cynthia Mahabir

**Staff:** Anna Mathews

### Action Items

- Wendy: reach out to SSCCC, Patrick Ahern, Liz Ortega, send Obama student success summit PowerPoint/other resources
- Brainstorm what the group discussion could look like and how to conclude Policy Forum
- Flesh out the content of the first part of the seminar (historical context, mission, etc)
  - Think about who would present this
  - Anna: create notes document for everyone to work on with subtopics
  - Richard wants to work on history
  - Have a solid outline by next meeting**
- Look at DEIA Evaluations policy paper to update
- Compiling research on one-tier

### Notes

- Called to order at 2:11 P.M. due to technical difficulties
- Policy Forum on Friday, January 19th: Bringing Community Back to Community Colleges
  - Discussion groups on what most urgently needs to be funded at individual colleges
  - Importance of community in community college
  - Education as a public good (including free CC) + education as critical to a healthy democracy

- Narrowing of metrics of success for CCs/what is success/what should it look like?
- Altering of mission of the CCs to remove basic skills and developmental education
- Historical context: current policies created in Recession; corporate principles of efficiency
- Andrew's Strategic Plan
  - Makes the case that community colleges need better funding to accomplish its mission, including things that have been undermined
  - Community institutions nurture and support our communities and need resources to be successful
  - Focus on building membership and increasing influence within the Legislature
  - Notion of public investment, includes inequality of resource allocation to faculty
    - Resources for faculty, not just for students. Symbiotic relationship between faculty and students
  - Inviting journalists to attend Policy Forum and learn from the experts?
    - Relates to importance of public awareness and who controls the narrative
- Three prong seminar:
  - Historic context
    - Mission and what its become
    - Corporate efficiency, Recession-minded policies
  - Panel discussion (highlighting discrepancies between reality on the ground and admin perspective)
    - Student who's been impacted negatively by the narrowing of our mission
      - From the student senate?
      - Students from survey data from 1705
    - Faculty
    - Legislator
      - Liz Ortega?
    - Trustee
      - Patrick Ahern (president of board at Foothill De Anza formerly student trustee)
      - Wendy
    - FACCC moderator?
  - Group discussion
  - Conclusion
- Topic for breakout session for the A&P
  - Possibly the 50% Law
    - Less than half of taxpayer money going to classroom instruction

- Peralta Federation of Teachers had a good budget breakdown.

Find a statewide breakdown?

- What does the K-12 money look like?
  - Introduce Andrew's strategic plan as a guide
  - Organizing districts and faculty in the room to have them moving forward with advocacy
  - "Boiler plate deconstruction" of the community colleges from other states across the nation, leading to removal of community colleges as a public good