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QUALIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE NEAR COMPLETION -- YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

FACCC's top priority is qualification and passage of the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act. Together with its coalition partners, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, California Federation of Teachers and Community College League of California, FACCC has determined that the state's constitution must be amended in order to secure the future of community colleges. The only way to do so is through the ballot process.

The proposed initiative does the following:

- 1) Separates community college from K-12 funding, allowing each to grow at its respective rate;
- 2) Reduces student fees from \$20 to \$15 per unit, while prohibiting the Legislature from raising fees beyond growth in per capita income; and
- 3) Places local governing boards in the constitution, preventing the Legislature from wiping them out. This preserves the "community" in community colleges.

We're well on our way to collecting one million signatures by January 2007 to qualify the initiative for the ballot, but the coalition cannot make it without your financial support. This is too important of an effort to fail.

All full-time faculty members are asked to contribute at least \$100; part-time faculty, \$50.

View the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org for more information, and to view a video about the initiative.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **MARCH 5** -- FACCC LOBBY DAY IN SACRAMENTO!

InFACCC

InFACCC is a members-only newsletter of FACCC, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Inc. FACCC is a nonprofit, professional organization that promotes unity and professionalism among California Community College faculty, and advocates on behalf of faculty to encourage policy makers to provide adequate resources and appropriate laws and regulations to assure Californians broad access to community college education.

CALSTRS CONTEMPLATING STRATEGIES FOR UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL OBLIGATION

As of June 30, 2005, the unfunded actuarial obligation of the Defined Benefit (DB) Program was \$20.3 billion, representing a funded ratio of 86 percent. In order to reach full funding, the DB Program must attain the equivalent of an increase of 3.753 percent of creditable salaries over 30 years.

The Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB) is contemplating a combination of strategies, including raising contributions from the state, employers, and active members. Coupled with these discussions is consideration for post-retirement health care.

Before proceeding with legislation, the TRB will be examining an Attorney General's opinion (posted online at www.faccc.org), which examines the correlation between employer contribution rates and state funding.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



TEACHING & LEARNING COLLOQUIUM

January 26 - 27, 2007
De Anza College
Cupertino, CA

WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONFERENCE

March 31, 2007
Sheraton Grand Hotel
Sacramento, CA

2007 FACCC ELECTION

April 1 - 30, Place Your Vote
www.faccc.org

LA GUILD EVENT

April 13, 2007
Manhattan Beach, CA

CALSTRS BOARD ADOPTS NEW ETHICS RULES

On November 3, the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB) adopted new ethical guidelines for serving on the board. The new rules restrict political contributions and gifts, require disclosure of placement agent fees, and require disclosure of certain types of communications involving board members and/or CalSTRS staff. Upon taking office, board members must now sign a pledge confirming their independence and understanding of their fiduciary duties. Additionally, they must recuse themselves when voting on any transaction that may present a conflict of interest, real or perceived.

LOBBY DAY 2007: JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN SACRAMENTO ON MARCH 5

Join FACCC in Sacramento on Monday, March 5, for Lobby Day. With over one-third new legislators taking office, it is critically important that we establish a presence and advocate faculty priorities. Don't be mistaken that there aren't pressing issues. This is a critical year, as the budget is once again projected in shortfall and the CalSTRS Defined Program remains under attack.

Lobby Day is free to attend, with an optional FACCC PAC lunch at \$25. FACCC will arrange your legislative visits if you register early. Call Janet at the FACCC office, (916) 447-8555, or e-mail at ohmity1@aol.com to reserve your spot. Details of the program will be posted at www.faccc.org.

VISIT WWW.FACCC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE!

SERVE ON THE FACCC BOARD: NOMINATIONS BEGINNING SOON

Take the important step to serve your colleagues and your profession – run for the FACCC Board. The following positions are open in the upcoming FACCC elections:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Regional Governors – Regions A, E, F
- Governor-at-Large – 3 seats
- Part-Time Governor – Southern Region

The deadline for nominations is **March 15, 2007**. Nomination forms will soon be available online at www.faccc.org. Please call Stephanie Davi at (916) 447-8555, or e-mail her at sdavi@faccc.org for more information.

It's not too early to request a paper ballot to vote in the elections. Contact the FACCC office at (916) 447-8555 or via e-mail to info@faccc.org, and ask to be placed on the paper ballot list. Voting will take place April 1 - 30, 2007. Visit www.faccc.org for details.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER:

AB 2293 (Nava): FACCC-sponsored legislation pertaining to unemployment applications was signed into law. It authorizes the Employment Development Department to fine districts that willfully misreport flex time earned, as well as first and last day worked.

SB 1131 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): This end-of-session funding bill restores on a one-time basis the \$5 million vetoed from the budget for faculty and staff development. FACCC has consistently led the effort to restore this money on an annual basis.

SB 1133 (Torlakson): Establishes the Quality Education Investment Act of 2006, which settles the lawsuit between the California Teacher's Association and the Schwarzenegger Administration over the infamous "broken deal" over education finance. The bill appropriates \$32 million for community colleges in 2007-08, and \$48 million for fiscal years 2008-09 through 2013-14.

FACCC LEADS EFFORT TO WRITE FACULTY AND STAFF BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2007-08

Following Governor Schwarzenegger's veto of the \$5 million for faculty and staff development (ultimately restored in SB 1131, see above), FACCC established a Chancellor's Office Consultation Council Task Force to write a new budget change proposal (BCP) for the next fiscal year.

The BCP, which has been submitted to the Department of Finance on behalf of the Community College Board of Governors, seeks \$10 million in faculty and staff development dollars. Eight million dollars would be distributed to districts on a Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES) basis, with a one-to-one district to state matching requirement.

The remaining two million would be distributed on a competitive grant basis to two consortia, one urban and the other rural, to develop new models toward a regionalized approach to professional development.

CONFERENCE IN REVIEW

This year's FACCC Conference: Passion to Action, held October 12 - 14 in Los Angeles, was a huge success. Attendees gathered at the Wilshire Grand Hotel for three days of workshops, networking, an Awards Show, and much more! Keep an eye out for the Winter issue of *FACCCTS* for highlights and photos taken at this year's event.

Special thanks to this year's Exhibitors, Sponsors and Partners who helped to make this year's Conference a huge success:

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SPECIAL THANKS

FACCC WELCOMES NEW STAFF

FACCC Staff is pleased to announce the addition of two talented new staff members:

Andrea Harvey, Legislative Advocate.

An alumna of Sacramento City College and the University of California, Davis, Andrea brings several years of progressive experience in policy development, legislation and advocacy. Previously serving as a legislative assistant in the office of Assemblymember Fran Pavley (D - Santa Monica), Andrea has staffed issues for a wide range of committees, including Higher Education and Public Employment Retirement and Social Security.

Andrea is eager to begin her work at the Capitol, noting that she is "looking forward to continuing the FACCC tradition of excellence while representing FACCC membership before the Legislature." Andrea can be reached at aharvey@faccc.org.

Silvia Farias, Program Director.

Silvia received her Associate's degree from Napa Valley College and her Bachelor's degree from University California, Davis. Prior to joining FACCC, Silvia worked at UC Davis for the Davis Chancellor's Club & Annual Fund, and served as the Annual Fund Project Manager with Sierra Adoption Services in Sacramento. Silvia hopes to further develop the FACCC Education Institute and create quality professional development opportunities. Read more about Silvia online at www.faccc.org. Contact Silvia at sfarias@faccc.org.