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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2 - 30
2007 FACCC ELECTION
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APRIL 13, 2007
6th ANNUAL HEALTH BENEFITS
& RETIREMENT CONFERENCE
LA College Faculty Guild
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Manhattan Beach, CA

JULY 2007
WRITERS' RETREAT
FACCC BOG Communications
Committee
MiraCosta College

OCTOBER 19 - 20
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FACCC ADVOCACY CLOSES FULL-TIME HIRING LOOPHOLE

The System Office announced that due to FACCC's advocacy, it would close a loophole on full-time faculty hiring. Select districts have interpreted the Code of Regulations to allow for a decrease in full-time hiring during a decline in Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) without a corresponding increase upon FTES restoration. Effective July 2007, all future calculations of the full-time faculty hiring obligation will account for all FTES decreases and increases in the same manner.

LAO SEEKS RETURN OF UNUSED GROWTH FUNDS

In its analysis of the governor's January budget proposal, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is convinced that most districts are unlikely to restore lost enrollment in the current year. It recommends that once more reliable data is released - expected by the May Revise - that the Legislature reduce on a one-time basis the current-year appropriation of Proposition 98 funding by the amount of any remaining unused enrollment restoration funding.

FACCC is working with the System Office and other community college organizations to counter the LAO's recommendation. Student enrollment has already increased due to the reduction in student fees and enhanced financial aid outreach. It is anticipated that community college enrollment will grow even further as more students learn about the cut in fees, and compare costs with the UC and CSU.

The LAO also agrees with the governor's push to eliminate the Basic Skills "overcap" categorical line item. This fund is intended to reduce the risk of basic skills students being turned away if a district exceeds its growth cap and experiences unfunded FTES. In contrast to the governor's proposal to redirect the money to Matriculation, the LAO would like it to be converted to a block grant to increase student achievement and completion rates. The LAO recommends the Legislature target this funding to a small number of community colleges that have the least prepared incoming students, which could be determined on the basis of Academic Performance Index of the feeder high schools.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES TO ELIMINATE TUITION SENSITIVITY

The House of Representatives approved HR 990 by voice vote, a measure eliminating the automatic reduction in Pell Grants awards for students attending higher education systems, like the California Community Colleges, whose fees are deemed too low. In a supporting floor statement, Congressional Representative Buck McKeon (R – Santa Clarita) noted, “[s]imply put, Mr. Speaker, a student should not be forced to sacrifice grant aid because of their choice of one institution over another.”

The need for this measure is more urgent with the upcoming campaign for the Community College Governance Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act, a provision of which lowers student fees to \$15 per unit.

In related news, Senator Barbara Boxer introduced S. 707, the Pell Grant Equity Act of 2007, which was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

FACCC RESPONDS TO THE “RULES OF THE GAME”

FACCC President Dennis Smith testified at a special hearing of the Assembly Higher Education Committee which focused on accountability. The Committee heard from Colleen Moore and Nancy Shulock, authors of “Rules of the Game: How State Policy Creates Barriers to Degree Completion & Impedes Student Success in the CCCs,” a report criticizing community colleges for failing to attend sufficiently to student success.

Smith presented FACCC’s response to “Rules of the Game,” challenging many of its assertions and recommendations. FACCC’s piece contained ten alternative policy recommendations for the Committee’s consideration.

View the report and FACCC’s response online at www.faccc.org.



FACCC EI PRESENTS 2007 CONFERENCE: GET INTO GEAR

October 19 - 20
Pasadena Hilton
Pasadena, CA

Each year, the FACCC Education Institute (EI) brings together community college faculty from across the state, higher education leaders, state legislators, and more for a weekend of networking and learning.

This year's event will take place at the beautiful Pasadena Hilton Hotel in Pasadena, CA. Visit www.faccc.org for details.

FACCC is currently accepting applications for interested presenters. Contact FACCC EI Program Director Silvia Farias at (916) 447-8555 or sfarias@faccc.org for details and to apply.

SCHWARZENEGGER REAPPOINTS ALBIANI, APPOINTS SMITH TO CCBOG

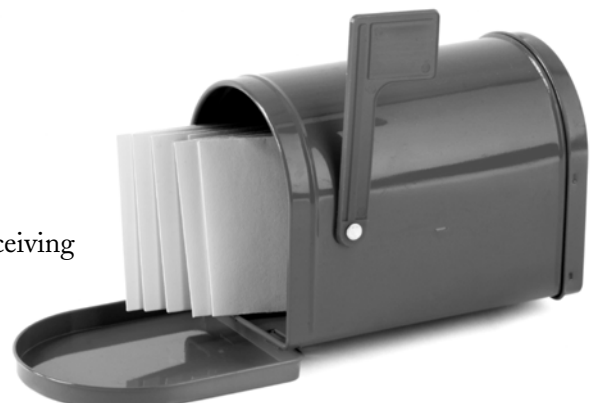
Governor Schwarzenegger has reappointed Katherine “Kay” Albiani of Elk Grove to the Community College Board of Governors (CCBOG). Albiani is currently serving as president of the CCBOG. Albiani has been a member of the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees since 1996, and served as past president of the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education.

Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Sr. of Oakland was also appointed to the CCBOG. Smith is the senior pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church, and a professor of Christian ministry at the American Baptist Seminary of the West and the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley. Additionally, Smith is past-president of the American Baptist Churches of the West, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

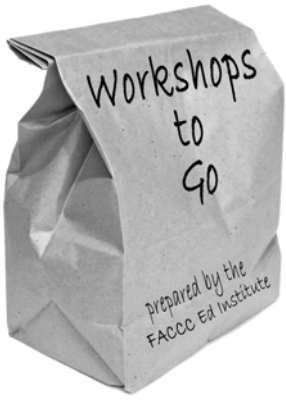
Both appointments require Senate confirmation.

DOES FACCC HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

News travels fast, and you don’t want to be left out. If you’re not receiving the FACCC Weekly E-mail, along with other FACCC electronic communications, it’s likely that FACCC does not have your current e-mail address. Contact Soni Huynh at shuynh@faccc.org or (916) 447-8555.



WORKSHOPS-TO-GO ARE BACK



The FACCC Education Institute (EI) is pleased to announce the return of Workshops-to-Go. Pre-packaged by the FACCC EI, each workshop comes made to order, complete with a pre-selected, professional speaker and tailored to fit your individual needs. The workshops cover a wide variety of current topics within the realms of Teaching & Learning, Advocacy, and Labor & Employment.

Visit www.faccc.org for a full menu of available workshops. Contact Program Director Silvia Farias for more information, (916) 447-8555 or sfarias@faccc.org.

PUBLIC OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTS CC INITIATIVE

The results of a recent poll reveal that the public overwhelmingly supports the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act, proposed for the next statewide ballot. When read the wording of the initiative, as specifically drafted by the Attorney General, 60 percent indicated that they would support it at the ballot box, compared to only 30 percent opposition. The cross-tabulations further reveal that the initiative garners a majority of support among both Democrats and Republicans, and both men and women.

In related news, Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 113 (Calderon) into law, moving the presidential primary from June 3 to February 5, 2008. Once the counties officially sanction the signature count for the community college initiative, it will be scheduled to appear on the February 5 ballot.

View poll results online at www.faccc.org.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2007 FACCC AWARDS

Each year, FACCC recognizes faculty members who have shown exemplary dedication to their profession, their students, and their institutions. Nominations for this year's awards will be accepted through July 16. Visit the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org for details and nomination forms.

FACCC award winners will be honored at the Annual FACCC EI Conference, October 19 – 20 in Pasadena.



FACCC CAMPUS TOUR DATES ANNOUNCED

FACCC is pleased to announce Campus Tour 2007! In response to recent requests to "Bring FACCC to Your Campus," FACCC Membership Director Stephanie Davi has put together this year's tour release. Visit www.faccc.org for details.

A FACCC campus visit is a great way to not only bring FACCC information to you and your colleagues, but also a great way to inform FACCC of your faculty- and campus-specific needs and concerns. Help FACCC to best serve you, California's community college faculty. Spread the word by visiting www.faccc.org, download this year's FACCC Campus Tour flyer and circulate to your colleagues – encourage them to attend.

To find out how to add your campus to next year's Tour, please contact Membership Director Stephanie Davi at (916) 447-8555 or e-mail her at sdavi@faccc.org.

THE WRITE TOUCH – A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE INVITATION

The FACCC Board of Governors Communications Committee is seeking writers to join us this summer at the 1st annual Writers' Retreat. Have you considered writing an article for *FACCCTS* but would like more information about the review process? Do you have great ideas for hot topics but are not sure how to get started on a submission? This year, the Communications Committee will host its first-ever Writers' Retreat, designed to give interested contributors an inside look into the editorial process involved in putting together an award-winning journal. For details, visit www.faccc.org or contact Communications Director Keri Goulart via e-mail to kgoulart@faccc.org.