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—FACCC Vision Statement

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## State Budget Shortfall Projected at \$14.5 Billion, Cuts Proposed

On January 10, Governor Schwarzenegger unveiled his budget proposal for 2008-09, which estimates the state's fiscal shortfall at \$14.5 billion (\$3.3 billion for 2007-08 plus \$11.2 billion for 2008-09). Favoring across-the-board reductions in state supported services, the governor's budget attempts to cure the shortfall without raising new revenues.

Schwarzenegger has triggered the provisions of Proposition 58, calling for a special session of the Legislature to address the fiscal crisis. Should the Legislature fail to approve a budget plan to address the emergency within 45 days, it is prohibited from acting on any other bills or adjourning in joint recess.

## Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget on Community Colleges, 2007-08

According to the Administration's calculations, Proposition 98 funding provided in the *2007-08 Budget Act* is \$1.4 billion more than required by the minimum guarantee. This makes it possible for the state to reduce current year Proposition 98 spending by up to \$1.4 billion without suspending Proposition 98. Nonetheless, the governor proposes a midyear reduction of \$400 million (\$360 million from K-12; \$40 million from community colleges), stating that he does not feel that it would be possible for schools and colleges to achieve savings on the magnitude of \$1.4 billion during the current year.

The proposed \$40 million mid-year reduction for the community colleges would be applied as a one-time reduction to apportionments. Nonetheless, the governor proposes working with community college stakeholders during the upcoming special session on the budget in order to find alternative, one-time current year reductions to substitute for the proposed reduction in apportionments.

## Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget on Community Colleges, 2008-09

The governor proposes suspending Proposition 98, thereby reducing spending by \$4 billion than would be required by the minimum guarantee. Community colleges would receive \$483 million less than their projected program costs plus growth and Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Under the Governor's Budget Proposal, community colleges would not receive their estimated \$291.7 million COLA (4.94 percent), and would see growth slashed from three to one percent. Categorical programs would experience reductions from four to 11 percent.

While Schwarzenegger does not propose increases to student fees, this may change in the May Revise.

View details and analysis of the Governor's Budget Proposal at [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org).

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**MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 | SACRAMENTO | CAPITOL BLDG, RM 126**

**InFACCC**

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## Top Five Reasons to Attend Lobby Day

**WHERE:** State Capitol, Sacramento

**WHEN:** Monday, March 3

**WHY:**

- 1) YOUR WORKING CONDITIONS, and indeed your job itself, is contingent upon annual funding decisions in Sacramento. Lobby Day is your opportunity to advocate funding priorities for the community colleges!**
- 2) RETIREMENT POLICIES are back in play. Lobby Day is your opportunity to advocate stable and secure retirement legislation for all community college faculty.**
- 3) STUDENT FEES may be subject to spiking. Until we know the outcome of Proposition 92, our students are deemed easy political prey. Lobby Day is your opportunity to explain why student fees should remain low, and how raising student fees results in reduced enrollment – a poor policy choice for the state.**
- 4) ACADEMIC FREEDOM needs constant vigilance. Lobby Day is your opportunity to remind legislators why academic freedom is not a luxury, but a necessity, in the community colleges.**
- 5) FACCCtivism is not a concept, or a theory. It's part and parcel of your role as a community college professional. Lobby Day is YOUR OPPORTUNITY to be a FACCCtivist with hundreds of your colleagues from around the state.**

**Don't miss out! RSVP today to (916) 447-8555.**

## Run for FACCC Office: Upcoming Election Details

Now is the time for leadership. Submit your name as a candidate for the FACCC Board of Governors/FACCC EI Board of Directors. FACCC elections are scheduled for April 1 - 30, with March 15 slated as the close of nominations.

The following positions will be open for this year's election:

**President Elect**

**Vice President**

**Governor At-Large** (three positions)

**Regional Governor** (three positions):

Region B (LA)

Region C (South LA County/Orange County)

Region D (San Diego/Inland Empire/Imperial)

**Part-Time Faculty Governor** (North)

**Visit  
www.faccc.org for  
election details,  
including the FACCC  
Elections Manual,  
Nominations Form,  
and a "Colleges by  
FACCC Region"  
listing.**

Nomination forms will soon be posted on the FACCC Web site, along with a copy of the Elections Manual. Please contact Membership Director Natalie Devlin with questions, (916) 447-8555; [ndevlin@faccc.org](mailto:ndevlin@faccc.org).

**Need a Paper Ballot?** FACCC elections are conducted online via electronic voting; however, FACCC members may request a paper ballot by contacting Natalie Devlin at the FACCC office.

### Prop 92: Special Thanks to All FACCCtivists!

FACCC wishes to recognize the countless acts of FACCCtivism by our members in response to the Prop 92 call for action. So many of you went above and beyond our requests with your countless volunteer hours and tremendous financial participation. This collective endeavor placed community colleges at the forefront of the state's public policy agenda, forcing a closer examination of the ways in which California's community colleges provide higher education and workforce development to our residents.

## BRING FACCC TO YOUR CAMPUS

### Question & Answer Luncheon

Let FACCC host a luncheon for your faculty. Bring a representative to your campus to talk face-to-face about issues that concern your campus.

### Legislator Visit

With advance notice, let FACCC organize a trip by your legislator or a representative from his/her office.

### Campus Walk

Increase your voice by helping recruit your colleagues to join FACCC.

### Capitol Update

Bring FACCC to your union or Senate meeting and receive updates on the latest news, recent legislation, Consultation Council and more.

**Contact Membership Director Natalie Devlin at [ndevlin@faccc.org](mailto:ndevlin@faccc.org) or (916) 447-8555 to schedule a visit or answer any membership questions you may have.**

## State Senate Republicans Block Confirmation of CCBOG President Albani

Despite her years of promoting community colleges and K-12, with particular emphasis on career technical education, Senate Republicans refused to confirm Community Colleges Board of Governors President Kay Albani for a second term. Citing her support for the California Dream Act, the Senate Republicans refused her any votes, thereby killing her opportunity to continue serving. The Dream Act extends eligibility for financial aid to those select undocumented students (otherwise known as AB 540 students) who qualify for the in-state fee rate.

## FACCC Education Institute Annual Conference to Become FACCC EI Policy Conference

The FACCC EI Board of Directors has taken the monumental step of migrating its annual fall conference to a spring policy/advocacy conference, held in Sacramento. FACCC EI's first policy conference is tentatively scheduled for March 2009. Stay tuned for details, [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2008 Lobby Day

March 3, 2008

State Capitol, Room 126

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

NO CHARGE for Lobby Day

\$30 cover charge for optional FACCC PAC Lunch

(contributions to the FACCC PAC are not tax deductible; they are an investment in your future)

Please contact the FACCC Office at (916) 447-8555 to hold your seat and arrange your legislative visits!



## Teaching and Learning Colloquium: Cultivating Excellence

April 4-5, 2008

Napa Valley College

Join the FACCC Education Institute (EI) as it proudly presents the 2008 Teaching & Learning Colloquium: "Cultivating Excellence," April 4-5 at Napa Valley College, in the heart of the wine country. You won't want to miss this information packed event. Sessions will examine such timely topics as Basic Skills, Assessment, Student Learning Outcomes and Technology.

Registration rates\* are as follows:

FACCC Members - \$75.00

Non Members - \$100.00

Single Day Registration Available - \$50/\$100, respectively

\*Rates cover two days, continental breakfast & lunch included

For more information and to register, visit [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org), under "Education and Events," or contact Program Director Silvia Farias at (916) 447-8555 or [sfarias@faccc.org](mailto:sfarias@faccc.org).

## 7th Annual Health Benefits & Retirement Conference

April 25, 2008

Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel

Don't miss this information-packed event, hosted by the LA College Faculty Guild and co-sponsored by the FACCC Education Institute (EI). Visit [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org) for details as they become available, or contact Program Director Silvia Farias, (916) 447-8555 or [sfarias@faccc.org](mailto:sfarias@faccc.org).

## FACCC EI Adds California Great Teachers

Seminar to Line Up

August 3 - 8, 2008

Santa Barbara

La Casa De Maria

The FACCC Education Institute (EI) is proud to announce that it will be adding the California Great Teachers Seminar to its line-up of quality professional development opportunities.

This seminar is inspiring, rejuvenating, and devoted to developing strategies for improving teaching and education in the community college. Join FACCC EI and co-sponsor, the Community College League of California, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Great Teachers Seminar.

For more information and to register, visit [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org), under "Education and Events," or contact Program Director Silvia Farias at (916) 447-8555; [sfarias@faccc.org](mailto:sfarias@faccc.org).



### To Do:

Make plans to attend

2008 Writers'  
Retreat

July 11 - 12

Marriott Desert Springs Hotel  
& Villas in Palm Desert

Watch Web site for details!  
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