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Every faculty a member, every member an advocate
—FACCC Vision Statement

ADMINISTRATION, ASSEMBLY AND SENATE PROPOSE ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Following several intense months of advocacy by FACCC and other community college organizations, the Administration, Assembly and Senate all proposed additional revenues for the community colleges over the Governor’s January budget proposal. The following chart reflects the highlights of the three spending plans:

	Governor’s May Revise	Assembly Budget Subcommittee	Senate Budget Subcommittee
Proposition 98 K-12 and Community College Spending	\$56.7 billion, reversing the proposed suspension of the Prop 98 guarantee	May Revise plus \$2.3 billion	May Revise plus \$3 billion
Growth	Additional \$35.5 million over January budget, allowing for growth at 1.67 percent	May Revise plus \$18 million, allowing for growth at 2 percent	May Revise plus \$18 million, allowing for growth at 2 percent
COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment)	None	1.6 percent	3.68 percent
Property Tax Shortfall	Backfill provided for current and budget years	Backfill provided at May Revise level with figure subject to change	Backfill provided at May Revise level with figure subject to change
Cuts to Categorical Programs	Continues reductions proposed in January budget	No funding reductions	No funding reductions
Categorical “Flexibility”	Modified flexibility in student services and part-time faculty categorical programs	No flexibility	No flexibility
Student Fees	No fee hike	No fee hike	No fee hike
Competitive Cal Grant B	Maintains proposal to eliminate new Cal Grant B awards; phase out program	Funds competitive Cal Grant B	Funds competitive Cal Grant B
Green Technology	No proposal	No proposal	\$25 million redirected from two California Energy Commission funds to promote career technical education

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUMMER

WRITERS' RETREAT

July 11-12, 2008
Marriott Desert Springs Villas
Palm Desert, CA

GREAT TEACHERS SEMINAR

August 3-8, 2008
La Casa De Maria
Santa Barbara, CA

FALL

PART-TIME SYMPOSIUM

Dates & Location TBD

FACCC EI TEACHING & LEARNING COLLOQUIUM

Dates & Location TBD

Teaching & Learning
COLLOQUIUM

WINTER/SPRING

FACCC EI DIVERSITY CONFERENCE:

Embracing Change
January 13-15, 2009
Sacramento City College

FACCC ADVOCACY & POLICY CONFERENCE

Dates & Location TBD



SBMA DISCUSSIONS ADVANCE TO BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

In the midst of the budget crisis, both the Administration and Legislature are targeting the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) Supplemental Benefits Maintenance Account (SBMA) for reduction. The SBMA is an unvested benefit of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit (DB) program to protect retiree purchasing power from inflation.

The Governor's May Revise proposed increasing the purchasing power benefit from the current 80 to 85 percent, in return for a permanent reduction in the State's contribution to the fund. FACCC, alongside other faculty advocates, opposes a permanent reduction, but would allow the State to cap its savings at \$66 million per year.

In the coming weeks, FACCC will be working with members of the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee to allow CalSTRS the ability to adjust the purchasing power up to 85 percent while achieving cost saving to the State budget.

FACCC-SPONSORED AB 2271 (FUENTES) SPARKS DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY BENEFITS

FACCC sponsored AB 2271 was the first legislative effort to expand disability benefits to community college faculty. Although the bill failed to advance in the Legislature, it opened a discussion between faculty, union leaders and legislators on this important issue.

According to a 1993 study on worker disability:

Three out of 10 working individuals between the ages of 35 and 65 were disabled for 90 days or longer.

Almost one in five individuals between the ages of 35 and 65 will become disabled for five years or more prior to turning 65.

For people under age 65, the probability of disability is higher than the probability of death. A 32 year old is 6.5 times as likely to suffer a disability of 90 days or more as he or she is to die.

Contact FACCC Legislative Advocate Andrea York, (916) 447-8555 or ayork@faccc.org, if you would like to schedule a forum on disability benefits.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES CHANGE TO 60 PERCENT LAW

Having garnered unanimous approval by legislators on both sides of the political aisle, and facing no opposition from interest groups, the Senate Education Committee approved AB 591 (Dymally) on its consent calendar. The measure would allow part-time faculty members to increase their teaching load in a single district from the current 60 percent of a full-time load to 67 percent. The increase in the limit will benefit faculty who teach four or five unit classes, such as math, foreign language and laboratory sciences, by allowing them to work more in a single district without violating the limit. FACCC, the California Federation of Teachers, California Teachers Association and the California Part-Time Faculty Association all support the bill.

FACCC MEMBER PAUL FONG WINS ASSEMBLY PRIMARY

FACCC Member Paul Fong won a hard fought contest against rival Dominic Caserta in the Democratic contest to replace term out Assemblymember Sally Lieber (D – Mountain View) for the 19th Assembly District. A champion of community colleges, Fong was a strong proponent of Proposition 92. His rival, Caserta, had opposed 92.

Fong joins other FACCC PAC champions of community colleges, including Marty Block and Fran Pavley.

View the list of FACCC PAC endorsed candidates online at www.faccc.org.

HAVE YOU POINT AND CLICKED?

In just three months, the FACCC Point and Click online advocacy system has been accessed over 2,500 times. Simply log in by entering your name and address, and you're on your way to communicating with your legislators on significant community college policy and funding issues.

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FACCC ANNOUNCES 2008 ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following election winners for the FACCC Board of Governors and FACCC Education Institute Board of Directors:

CALLING ALL FACCC LEADERS!

If you are interested in serving on one of the following advisory committees, please contact Membership Director Natalie Devlin at (916) 447-8555 or ndevlin@faccc.org.

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Legislation & Advocacy
Membership Organizing
Nominations, Leadership & Elections (NLIE)
Part-Time
Policy
Professional Development
Regional Coordination
Retirement

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