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Community College Initiative on the February Ballot: Have You Joined the Campaign?

FACCC, along with its coalition partners – the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, Community College League of California and California Federation of Teachers – has qualified the Community College Initiative (CCI) for the February 5, 2008 presidential primary ballot.

The Initiative would accomplish the following:

- Assure access to community colleges by enactment of a minimum funding guarantee
- Assure affordability by reducing fees to \$15 and capping their rate of growth
- Assure community colleges remain “community” institutions by enshrining the existence of local governing board’s into the State’s constitution
- Does NOT harm K-12 funding
- Does NOT raise taxes



www.californiansforcommunitycolleges.org

What Can You Do?

1. Contribute to the campaign – your help is needed!

Californians for Improving Community Colleges
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2. Sign up as a supporter today, and encourage friends, neighbors, family and colleagues to do the same. Simply visit www.californiansforcommunitycolleges.org, and sign your name and e-mail address in the requisite fields.

FACCC’s Web site contains comprehensive information about the Initiative. Get educated and share FACCC’s resources with your colleagues. Visit www.faccc.org today and click on “CCI Watch.”

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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.

FACCC Budget Workshop: How the Budget Affects You

Mark your calendars for this year's FACCC Budget Workshop, September 24 in Oakland. Join us as we analyze the 2007-08 community college budget and discuss strategies for successful negotiations.

This year's featured speakers include Jonathan Lightman, FACCC Executive Director, and Erik Skinner, Vice Chancellor for College Finance and Facilities Planning, System Office, California Community Colleges.

Space is limited, so contact Program Director Silvia Farias to RSVP today, sfarias@faccc.org or (916) 447-8555. Additional details are available on the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org.

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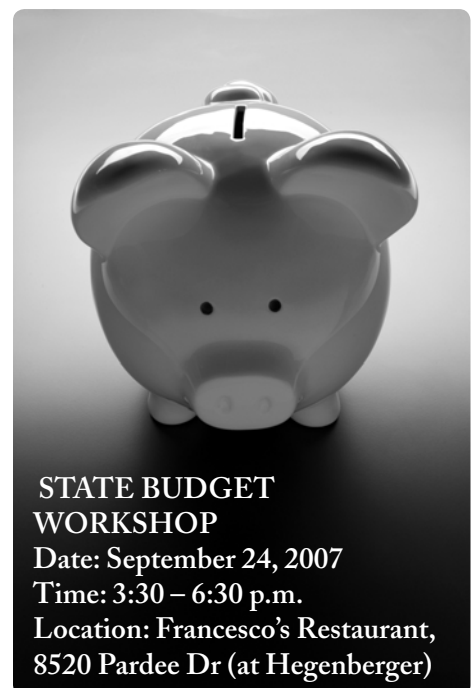
FACCC Education Institute (EI) presents Workshops-to-Go as a way of tailoring professional development programs to meet your individual campus needs. Each workshop comes made to order, complete with a pre-selected, professional speaker. Simply select from the online menu and request the workshop of your choice to be delivered to your campus.

Workshops cover a wide variety of topics within several areas of interest, including: Teaching & Learning, Advocacy, and Labor & Employment. Contact Program Director Silvia Farias to place your order, (916) 447-8555 or sfarias@faccc.org. For more details, visit the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org.

FACCC Welcomes Natalie Devlin as Membership Director



FACCC is pleased to announce the addition of Natalie Devlin, MPA as its new Membership Director. A graduate of Sacramento City College and San Francisco State University (with a Master's degree in Public Administration, Nonprofit and Policy Analysis), Natalie is enthusiastic to come to your campus to discuss FACCC. Contact her at ndevlin@faccc.org.



Governor Signs Growth and COLA Budget for Community Colleges, Vetoes Faculty Priorities

On August 24, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the State's \$102 billion budget into law, committing \$57 billion in ongoing Proposition 98 funds. The community college share can best be described as "growth and COLA," faring better than some of the health and human services programs which endured cuts in the midst of a softening economy.

For 2007-08 the California Community Colleges will receive the following ongoing increases:

\$248.4 million cost-of-living increase (4.53-percent COLA) for general-purpose apportionments

\$107.5 million increase (2 percent) for enrollment growth for apportionments. This funding will enable the community colleges to enroll an additional 23,000 Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) students

\$21.2 million increase for Categorical Program enrollment growth and COLA (2 percent and 4.53 percent, respectively) for Basic Skills, Matriculation, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Campus Childcare Tax Bailout, and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

\$1.9 million increase for textbook assistance for low-income students

\$500,000 increase for the Foster Care/Kinship Program

Highlights of one-time expenditures include:

\$8.1 million for equipment and other expenses associated with nursing and allied health programs that will stimulate increased enrollment capacity for these high-demand occupations

\$8.1 million for deferred maintenance and instructional materials

\$4 million for startup costs for four new nursing programs

Set Asides and Vetoes

Included within the Legislature's budget to the governor was a base apportionment reduction of \$80 million.

The governor set aside \$33.1 million in Basic Skills, pending legislation to align the money with his proposal to enhance counseling and other student services.

The governor set aside the \$13.8 million in new non-credit rate enhancement for other unnamed Proposition 98 priorities.

The governor vetoed the \$4 million in one-time funds for Part-Time Health Insurance, claiming that the program's original design did not contemplate ongoing contributions from the State:

I am deleting the one-time augmentation of \$4,000,000 from the Proposition 98 Reversion Account for the Part-time Faculty Health Insurance Program because this program was established as an incentive grant program to encourage additional district investments in benefits for part-time faculty. However, these programs were not intended to require additional one-time or ongoing contributions from the state. Given the significant general purpose increases provided in this Budget for community colleges, I believe that districts have sufficient resources to provide additional benefits to part-time faculty at their discretion.

Legislature Holds Faculty Legislation

Following a typical pattern, several faculty-sponsored measures received an initial round of support before encountering resistance further in the legislative process. The following bills have either been held, or turned into two-year projects:

AB 591 (Dymally), California Part-Time Faculty Association (CPFA) sponsored measure eliminating the Sixty Percent Law (limiting the workload of part-time faculty in a particular district), implementing parity pay, and addressing other issues of part-time faculty. Status: pulled from Assembly Appropriations Committee; eligible to be heard in January.

AB 906 (Eng), Community College Association (CCA) sponsored bill implementing an annual audit recommendation emanating from the 2000 FACCC-sponsored Bureau of State Audits report on implementation of the Fifty Percent Law (which requires at least one-half of the costs of educational expenses be devoted to instructional salaries). Status: Senate Education Committee; two-year bill.

AB 1305 (Calderon), CCA sponsored bill implementing the 75/25 full- to part-time faculty ratio. Status: held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1343 (Mendoza), FACCC and the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) cosponsored Faculty and College Excellence (FACE) Act, which would have addressed many of the issues confronting part-time faculty, including pay equity and creation of full time jobs. Status: held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

FACCC EI Conference Features Policy Debate, Nationally Renowned Speakers



October 19-20
Hilton Pasadena Hotel

This year's annual FACCC Education Institute (EI) Conference: *Get Into Gear* will feature a policy debate between two freshman legislators, Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Anthony Portantino (D – Pasadena) and former Copper Mountain College Academic Senate President, Paul Cook (R – Yucaipa). Joining Portantino and Cook in the debate will be FACCC Legislative Advocate Andrea Harvey. Executive Director Jonathan Lightman will moderate.

Don't miss this year's Keynote Speakers, David Gotshall, founder of the National Great Teachers Movement, and syndicated talk show hostess/comedienne, Stephanie Miller. Join your colleagues as we spend two fun- and information-filled days discussing the Community College Initiative, and other teaching and learning, advocacy, and labor and employment concerns.

For more information and to register, please visit www.faccc.org or contact Program Director Silvia Farias, sfarias@faccc.org or (916) 447-8555.

Richman Initiative Hits the Streets for Signature Gathering

FACCC urges its members to refrain from signing the ballot initiative, designed to reduce public pensions. Sponsored by Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach and former Assemblymember Keith Richman, the measure's official ballot title is: "Reduces Public Pension and Retirement Health Care Benefits. Constitutional Amendment." Moorlach and Richman have until January 10, 2008 to gather 694,354 signatures to qualify this initiative for the ballot.

Read the press release responding to the initiative at www.faccc.org.

FACCC and FACCC EI to Honor Faculty and Legislative Leaders

The FACCC Education Institute (EI) has selected four outstanding faculty leaders to be honored at this year's annual conference (see details above).

In recognition for her work as Membership Director of the Chabot Faculty Association, service on Academic Senate, and work within the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Shari Jacobsen has been chosen to receive the Full-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award (presented to a full-time faculty member for excellence in district or campus leadership).

In recognition for his work as President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Ian Walton has been chosen to receive the John Vasconcellos Award (presented to a full-time faculty member for excellence in statewide advocacy).

In recognition for her work on the Instructors' Association Board and for advocating part-time faculty concerns at Santa Barbara Community College District, Cornelia Alsheimer has been chosen to receive the Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award (presented to a part-time faculty member for excellence in district or campus leadership).

In recognition for her work in collecting signatures for the Community College Initiative, Rosalyn Kahn has been chosen to receive the Margaret Quan Award (presented to a part-time faculty member for excellence in statewide advocacy).

FACCC will bestow the Legislator of the Year Award to Assemblymember Gene Mullin (D – San Mateo) for his tireless advocacy in protecting and promoting faculty retirement.

FACCC will also present the Freshman Legislator of the Year Award to Anthony Portantino (D – Pasadena) for his excellent job in chairing the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

For the first time ever, FACCC will present a lifetime service award to David Felderstein, Chief Consultant to the Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. Felderstein has worked for the Committee for thirty years, and is a staunch believer in protecting and promoting faculty pensions.



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