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## **Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Responds to Governor Brown's 2012-2013 Budget Proposal**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – In response to the Governor's early release of the 2012-12 State Budget, [Jonathan Lightman, CAE](#), Executive Director of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges stated:

"While FACCC is appreciative that the California Community Colleges are considered for a positive adjustment during these distressed economic times, more attention and resources must be directed to these institutions for them to function effectively as the state's economic engine during this deep recession. With over 670,000 students denied a place in community colleges, California is not sufficiently focused on how we can retrain our population for the realities of the current economy.

"Consolidation and flexibility, moreover, have the potential to destroy the integrity of established and proven community college programs that promote student success. It should be noted that the Chancellor's Office Student Success Task Force ultimately rejected this proposal as have prior sessions of the State Legislature.

"FACCC looks forward to working with the Administration and Legislature in crafting a budget that supports high quality, accessible, and affordable education in the community colleges."

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*The [Faculty Association of California Community Colleges](#), founded in 1953, was named "Best Political Voice for Community College Faculty in the State" by the Sacramento News & Review. It is a 10,000-plus member professional association that advocates solely on behalf of all community college faculty at the state's 112 community colleges.*