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### FACCC RESPONDS TO ENACTED BUDGET

*SACRAMENTO, Calif.* – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, the statewide professional membership association that advocates solely for all California Community College faculty, commends the Governor and the Legislature for completing the budget on time, implementing a cost of living adjustment for community colleges, adhering to the statutory Proposition 98 split for community colleges, and not raising community college student fees.

FACCC also appreciates specific items in the community college budget, including \$50 million for full-time faculty, \$50 million one-time for part-time faculty office hours, \$35 million one-time funding for Online Education Initiative competitiveness grants, \$10 million one-time for legal services to undocumented and immigrant students, faculty, and staff, \$10 million one-time to support students experiencing food insecurity, \$10 million one-time for student mental health, \$8.5 million for veterans resource centers, \$5 million to support currently or formerly incarcerated students, and \$5 million to support expansion of the NextUp program for foster youth within EOPS.

FACCC continues to believe it is deeply misguided to expend \$120 million to develop a fully online college that will take years to accredit when existing institutions could have addressed the same concerns more efficiently and effectively. This proposal is even more problematic as its governance structure leads to an eternal conflict of interest with existing institutions.

FACCC is also troubled by the rushed adoption of a new community college funding formula whose performance metric is liable to foreclose college opportunity for thousands. FACCC hopes that during the three-year hold harmless period of transition, the Legislature will replace the punitive dimensions of the new formula with ones that reward districts on how they actually support students.

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