



June 22, 2018

Adam Wetsman, President
FACCC Board of Governors
1823 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: FACCC Political Action Committee (FACCC PAC) Annual Report

Dear Adam,

On behalf of the FACCC PAC, I am pleased to present our nineteenth annual report to the Board of Governors. Since minutes of the FACCC PAC are not part of the board's record, the PAC has promised to keep the board regularly updated of its activities through oral presentations at meetings and an annual written report.

It has been a tremendous pleasure serving on this committee with my colleagues, Mario Martinez, Joel Blank, Evan Adelson, Laura Alarcon, Natalina Monteiro, Robin Daniels, Arthur Jenkins, and Troy Myers.

All of our work conformed to the bylaws established by your board for our committee and we are grateful for its confidence in our work. Thank you for empowering us to perform this important responsibility.

Sincerely,



Christopher Halligan, Chair
FACCC PAC

cc: FACCC Board of Governors
Enclosure

**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges
Political Action Committee
Annual Report**

The following pages illustrate how the FACCC PAC made a positive difference for the association on behalf of the California Community College faculty.

June 2018 Primary Elections

For much of the year, FACCC PAC focused on its endorsement recommendations to the FACCC Board of Governors for candidates running for constitutional office (governor, controller, treasurer).¹ Specifically, the FACCC PAC produced a questionnaire to the candidates and arranged for a dinner with John Chiang followed by a phone conversation with Gavin Newsom.² The Board agreed with the PAC's recommendation of Gavin Newsom for governor and he ultimately received the most votes for that position in the June primary election.

Since all 80 Assemblymembers and 20 Senators run each election cycle, the legislative contests were also a significant focus this year. This election cycle had relatively few open seats due to term limits.³ Nonetheless, FACCC PAC members diligently interviewed candidates in eight districts with some races featuring upwards of 10 candidates. The top-two system of elections also created more strategy conversations on how best to make endorsements and contributions.

Including endorsements of incumbent legislators, FACCC PAC scored an impressive 98% success rating in Assembly endorsements and 92% for the Senate.

Some of the endorsed candidates who advanced to the general election will face tough and contentious general elections against candidates funded by anti-pension and pro-privatization interests. Other endorsed Democratic candidates will attempt to unseat Republicans that have voted against much of our sponsored and supported legislation in recent years. These races will be of the highest priorities for the FACCC PAC in the fall.

FACCC PAC's Support of Gavin Newsom

Once the FACCC Board of Governors endorsed Gavin Newsom, FACCC PAC kicked into gear with a \$3,000 contribution spread out over several fund raising events. Five FACCC members

¹ FACCC PAC makes its own endorsements for candidates running for Assembly and Senate. The FACCC Board of Governors endorses for state constitutional offices typically with a recommendation of the FACCC PAC. Once the Board of Governors has made an endorsement, the FACCC PAC handles campaign related decisions.

² FACCC PAC does not send written questionnaires to candidates running for the Assembly or Senate, but will do so to candidates running for state constitutional office. The FACCC PAC will personally interview candidates for the Legislature (either by phone or in person) without sharing the questionnaire with the candidates in advance.

³ The change in term limits from three two-year terms in the Assembly plus two four-year terms in the Senate to six two-year terms in the Assembly or three four-year terms in the Senate has created much greater stability in the Legislature with fewer open seats in the elections.

and three FACCC staff had conversations with him at these events. The FACCC PAC will continue this approach in the fall.

FACCC Conference

FACCC PAC traditionally hosts a fund raising event at the FACCC Advocacy & Policy Conference to raise money for the PAC and for the FACCC PAC honoree. This year's selection was Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D – Torrance). Former FACCC President John McDowell and current FACCC Board Member Natalina Monteiro conducted the fund raising appeal this year, which resulted in an impressive \$1,846 in one-time and \$730 in ongoing annual contributions. We have recorded that there was some confusion in the appeal as individuals wished to donate cash. Also, there was some confusion over whether the PAC has a federal role (which it does not). The FACCC PAC will clarify these next year with some simple message points at the conference

Future Activities

If the primary election is any indication, voter turnout will be higher than usual in November which will be in stark contrast to four years ago when it was a record low. The FACCC PAC's top focus will continue to be the race for governor, other important constitutional offices, including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and key legislative races. There are many pro-faculty candidates and potential champions on the ballot that should be competitive in this political environment. The committee will continue to support these candidates and interview new ones that emerged from the primary election.