Concurrent Board of Governors/Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2026
Virtual/Zoom

Members Present: Cornelia Alsheimer-Barthel, Leslie Banta, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Grace Chee, Ruby Christian-Brougham, Susan Finley, John Govsky, Michelle Haggerty, Crystal Huckabee, Jesse MacEwan, Richard Mahon, Mario Martinez, Jason Mayfield, Siobhan McGregor, James Nguyen, Micheal Peterson, Emily Schmidt, Sarah Thompson,

Members Absent: Andrew Aleman, Joshua Christ, Chris Cofer, Katia Fuchs, Linda Sneed, Jacob Traugott, Ian Walton

Staff: Stephanie Goldman, Ashley Hamilton, Jason Hendeson, Mikala Hutchinson, Soni Huynh, Martin Orea, Lidia Stoian, Ivan Hernandez

Liaisons Present: Robert Stewart (ASCCC)

Contractors: none

President Thompson called the Boards to order at 9:03 a.m.

Introductions

--Agenda

Agenda was approved.

M/S – Jim/Michelle motion carried

--Introductions

Board members introduced themselves to each other.

--Parliamentarian

Sarah appointed Richard as parliamentarian.

--Community Agreement

The boards read the agreement out loud.

Standing Agenda

--Consent Agenda

M/S – Leslie/Mario motion carried
With corrections to March and April Exec notes

--Liaison Reports

Robert Stewart (ASCCC) reported on ASCCC recent work. They are formally including a liaison from FACCC to their board of directors. Rename roles from executive committee to board of directors. At recent Spring plenary they reaffirmed the central role of faculty. He noted involvement in Rising Scholars group. Intersegmental collaboration. New board of directors every year; all current officers were reelected, Robert will continue as FACCC liaison. Passed three support positions on system priorities. Adopted three new disciplines.

--Committee Liaisons Report Out

Wendy (Communications) reported on recent committee work.
Jim (BIPOC) reported on recent committee work.
Jason Mayfield (Retirement) reported on recent committee work.
Susan (Counseling) reported on recent committee work.

--President's Report Sarah Thompson

Continuing to advocate for 1705; trying to move the needle forward. 50% Law advocacy. Dual enrollment survey from CoFo; need widespread support to encourage folks to participate.

Liaising with system partners. Pleased that ASCCC adopted One Tier model; presented at plenary. ASCCC has support position.

--Executive Director's Report Stephanie Goldman

Stephanie discussed work in the first few months. Getting named on all accounts.
Lost our staff note-taker so Steph is working on workflow.

--FACCC Think Tank — Michael Peterson/Sarah Thompson

Think Tank for SCFF has three budget priorities; this recommendation is also coming from the League, stop the punitive COLA withholding, reverse the COLA withholding for the current year. Completely funding PT hours, FT faculty hires.

At the League's recent meeting, Li gave the final draft of her research. Her final analysis was that there were harmful effects of the SCFF with a final recommendation to scrap the SCFF and build something new. What the League does next is still unsure.

Fiscal Forward proposal coming from the CCCO which will assess districts and may inject the CCCO into district business. The new draft is a lot milder in its language. It was removed from consultation agenda. No mention of external factors affecting districts.

Members of the Boards asked questions and discussed responses to recent CCCO actions.

Michael shared the results from a CCCO research request on intermediate level algebra's effect on taking college-level math classes. Members of the Boards discussed the state-wide success rates in light of the intended goals of AB1705.

There will be an up-coming survey to all faculty regarding effects of AB 1705. Discussion included the timing of the release of the survey and the length of time that the survey will be open for response.

Mid-Morning Break

The Boards took a ten-minute break at 10:35 a.m.

Administrative & Issues

--Academic Freedom Strategy — Sarah Thompson

Sarah made a proposal that the climate is right to codify academic freedom into law because the increased sympathy. Maybe we need an effort in the coming legislative cycle. She discussed reaching out to system and intersegmental partners. She listed evidence that AF is under attack nation-wide and highlighted the idea that we need to start the information campaign. Members of the Boards discussed ideas and options for proposed language. Language also exist in ACCJC's standards and in the League's recommended policies.

--Legislative and Budget Update — Leslie Banta/Jason Henderson

Jason introduced Ivan Hernandez who has been helping FACCC's legislative work. We have maintained a significant presence in the capitol since February. FACCC has had three successes. AB 2019 advanced into fiscal discussions; a variety of faculty and students gave testimony on the bill, and it is being picked up in the media. Working through amendments and the bill in on suspense file. Continuing the momentum into AB 1171; seeks to modernize and advance our positions. AB 65 is still moving forward, and we are looking for a path to a signature. Faculty primacy.

Attacks on MSI/HSI grants have softened. Discussed the “reserve caps” and that our position is to halt legislation

Universal COLA. Targeted investments in faculty; FT hires, PT healthcare, infrastructure.

Many meetings with legislators on higher educations; submitted 25 official FACCC positions. Positions are linked in the agenda.

Discussion of attacks on the 50% law. Ahrens pulled his AI bill.

Next week is the “May Revise”, and we are ramping up pressure leading to the June 14th budget deadline. We are remaining positioned to do the work in the coming weeks.

Lunch Break

The Boards took an hour break at 11:28 a.m.

Issues

--Strategic Planning Activity   Sarah Thompson

Sarah reviewed the Leadership Inventory results and highlighted important ideas. The Boards broke into small groups to do and effectiveness inventory; prioritize metrics used for self-reflection.

Back in larger groups, the Boards discussed possible FACCC’s priorities for the year, and what are the criteria for picking priorities. Priorities are often limited by resources.

The Boards talked about what is possible in three years. How would we consider an initiative successful? Used the SCFF as an issue to analyze.

Closed Session

The Boards entered closed session at 2:00 p.m.

--2026 FACCC Elections Update   Stephanie Goldman

Stephanie updated the Boards on the recently concluded FACCC elections.

--Elections Review   Sarah Thompson

Sarah discussed how to move forward with the positions that are vacant.

A motion was made to send out applications to small and medium colleges for the vacant seats.

M/S – Jim/Michelle motion carried

--Treasurer's Report Mario Martinez

Mario presented a brief update of FACCC's financials for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Things are good!

--26-27 Budget Priorities Stephanie Goldman

Stephanie led a discussion of the budget priorities for the coming fiscal year.

Issues

The Boards exited closed session at 2:20 p.m.

--Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Members of the Boards read statements in recognition for the eight outgoing members of the Boards; Chris Cofer, Emily Schmidt, Siobhan, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Richard Mahon, and Ian Walton.

President Thompson adjourned the boards at 2:49 p.m.

Jason Mayfield, Secretary

Approved by the FACCC Board of Governors and FACCC Education Institute Board of Directors xxx xx, 2026.

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