



FACCC Communications Committee Meeting March 2, 2026 Notes

Attendance: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Josh Christ, K. Frindell, Richard Mahon, Nicole Miller, and Ian Walton

Absent: Carmen Payne

Staff: Ashley Hamilton and Mikala Hutchinson

FACCCTS Fall issue planning

- Election-focused issue with required content
 - PAC endorsed candidates page
 - A&P Conference photo spread
 - GTS seminars spread
- Three planned articles with a July 1st deadline
 - Investment in public education & democracy (Wendy & Kay)
 - ICE policy piece (potential Cynthia Mosqueda contribution)
 - Accreditation weaponization & history (Richard & Ian)
 - Focus on the college's mission statement strategy
 - Counter-weaponization tactics
 - New accreditor authorization concerns

Blogs

- Josh's two-part series
 - FTES explanation & community college funding (due 3/16)
 - Prop 98 balancing - 20% students, 11% funding (due 4/1)
 - Both timed for May budget conversations
- Nicole's SMC budget cuts piece
 - Board meeting coverage with personal stories

- Concerns about quoting speakers accurately
- Nicole's potential student suicide piece
 - Personal instructor's perspective on mental health resources
 - Sensitivity concerns around student privacy/memory
- Timing
 - Advance notice of what's coming for planning workload.
 - Each blog goes through editing and staff review; edits are sent back to the author before publishing.
 - Typical turnaround from submission to publication is about 1–2 weeks, longer if staff are busy.
 - Rush time-sensitive pieces to the top of the queue when needed.

Podcasts

- Kay's two concepts in development
 - AI topic
 - SCFF with Sarah Thompson as guest
 - SMC as poster child for SCFF problems
 - Nicole, a potential guest contributor
- Ashley is open to themed podcasts (Pride Month, Disability Awareness)
- Wendy is available to host with topic suggestions

Next Steps

- Heavy outlines/light drafts of FACCC articles due April 20th
- May 11th tentative meeting (Ian in Ireland, Richard partial availability)
- Committee interest forms due April 30th

Next meetings

- April 20th at 2:00 PM
- May 11th at 2:00 PM