



FACCC Counselors Committee Meeting Notes  
November 21, 2025

Attending: Rene Lozano (chair), Sara Nieves-Lucas, Steve Bautista, Yvonne Portillo, Michelle Hittleman, John Noyola, Sinar Lomeli, Sabrina Barajas, Susan Finley

I. Academic Renewal Taskforce Update

- A. Public Comment is now closed; next Board meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 2026
- B. In response to public comments received during the 45-day public comment period and feedback received at the Board of Governors meeting on September 16, 2025, the Chancellor's Office is recommending tabling the proposed amendments to Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 55046, "Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition" temporarily. This action is recommended so that Chancellor's Office staff can have more time to consider the impact and effect of a number of proposals specifically related to this specific section and engage further in the consultative process so the final academic renewal criteria and processes can meet the diverse needs and capacities of local districts while facilitating and supporting student success.
- C. The Chancellor's Office is convening the committee to proactively follow-up on the momentum from Tuesday's Board of Governor's meeting, during which the Board voted to approve the regulation changes as attached from this group.
- D. The changes pertaining to Academic Renewal, Section 55046, were tabled for reconsideration to ensure alignment with institutional needs and student access. These proposed changes (currently marked as underlined and struck through) will be reviewed in-depth at our upcoming meeting with the intention to academic renewal changes forward at an upcoming Board meeting.
- E. Discussion regarding public comments summary

- F. Have been in contact with John Freitas, Articulation Officer/Professor of Chemistry, Los Angeles City College, Chair, Southern California Intersegmental Articulation Council (SCIAC), District Academic Senate Parliamentarian
  - G. Have been in contact with [Stacey Shears](#), Vice Chancellor for Student Services, Educational and Support Services
- II. 50% Law Update
  - A. Legislative and Budget Committee [draft language for the 50% Law](#) that we will be commented and discussed at their next meeting on Monday. The link allows comments to the draft up until January. Counselor Committee members are welcome to [join our meeting on Monday at 4 pm](#) on behalf of your committee if you'd like to join the discussion and share your thoughts in person.
- III. Counselor Committee's A & P Conference Proposal was not accepted due to number of submissions

## MINUTES

### 50% Law Notes:

- I. There have been discussions regarding using either AI and/or classified advisors
- II. Recommendation that we advocate not to use AI in our contracts