



Legislation & Advocacy Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, December 14
5:00-6:00 pm

Present: Debbie Klein, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Bob Stockwell, Joseph Bielanski, Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Mary-Erin Crook, Kathy Holland, Joshua Wentz, Sarah Thompson, Evan Hawkins

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Meetings for the spring semester
 1. Regular meetings the second Monday of the month at 5 pm
 2. Additional Monday meetings likely based on the legislative cycle
3. Report out on meetings with system partners and legislative staffers on FACCC's bill ideas
 - 5 initial ideas: Academic freedom, basic needs coordinator, faculty on BOT, part-time health insurance, part-time benefits
 - Wendy, Masa, Evan, Debbie talked with key legislative staff. We narrowed it down to 1) a bill on academic freedom (into Ed Code) & 2) county liaison bill. In the past and now, we have lots of support from Legislature and stakeholders.
 - Evan Lowe's office might be interested in one of the bills.
 - Some folks who might have been in the academy might be interested in sponsoring.
 - December 7 was when bills were first introduced. Deadline is around February 15, 2021. Next step is to find authors.
 - For democrats, we still have Choy. Leyva chairs for senate. We have another democratic who's not great. Pan is great. McGuire still there. Mostly same folks.
 - Josh will send us academic freedom language for LACCD board policy.
 - Wendy is working on a one-pager on AF (academic freedom) for lobbying purposes. Oranit volunteered to help.
 - Can get conflated with curriculum and program development or freedom of speech. AF protects our speech in the classroom and freedom to research.

- Josh: We can speak and write as citizens, and that speech should be private and protected. Also, we have the freedom to choose our own textbooks, but that's not written anywhere in Ed Code or legislature.
 - Sarah: What about evaluations? Wendy: See ASCCC academic freedom paper. First step will be to get academic freedom in the law. The next step would be that it gets locally bargained. If we ask for the ability to negotiate in this bill, folks will think we want too much power. Our strategy will be to not get into the terrain of the local districts.
 - The other piece of AF is our ability to dissent.
 - Josh sent us some language in an email in response to this agenda item.
4. Review system partner's legislative priorities and budget talking points if available
- CCCCO: Basic needs/financial aid, Core resources/COVID-19 Support, and Racial Equity and call to action—our AF bill would support the DEI agenda and call to action.
 - ASCCC: Expand BA degrees (the FACCC board will discuss the Policy Committee document and ideas), faculty diversity, transfer pathway
 - CCLC: Expansion of remote learning, addressing racial inequities with educational opportunity, and training California's displaced workforce
 - Seed for funding for Calbright?
 - Also for districts wanting more support for online learning technological platforms (Cranium Café, Labster, etc.)
 - SSSCC: Basic Needs, COVID-19 Relief, Equity Training, Financial Aid, Increasing Resources, Student Enfranchisement, Technology, and Unemployment
 - SSSCC will want FACCC's support on their student trustee vote bill
 - Faculty Unions
 - CCA - Part-time Parity, and "CTA policy-driven"
 - We don't know what CTA will support yet.
 - CFT - Increase to part-time hours
 - Medina may pick it up again.
 - "Mission from God" to kill Calbright.
 - Want to work on a part-time health care bill. But it costs too much for this year.
 - CCCI - any news?
 - Will co-sponsor AB 897 part 2. They will support FACCC's legislation.
 - Bob: Could we find other ways to generate revenue for the system? Like the tax on oil. Etc.
5. FACCC A&P Request for proposals and A&P Week of Action

- a. Due date Dec 30, 2020
- b. As a committee, do we want to submit a proposal?
 - Great feedback on the legislative process breakout last year. Could we expand or revise it?
 - Bob: What about a proposal to lead a discussion on budget advocacy? If this committee doesn't lead such a session, who would?
 - Wendy: Week of Action is new. We could rerun a session on the legislative process during the WOA.
 - If anyone would like to submit a proposal, please feel free. The link is in the last *Weekly*.

1. Budget process

- . Review state budget process and timeline (Chancellor's Office slide)
- a. 2021 System Budget and Legislative Priorities, LAO Fiscal Outlook for CCCs, and CCCCCO Analysis of LAO Outlook
 - One-time windfall will pay off deferrals.
- b. FACCC Taskforce: State Budget Analysis and Response
 - 21-22 Governor's Proposed budget, due out January 7, 2021
 - Volunteers needed to help draft FACCC response
 - Deadline January 29th Board meeting for a presentation

We'd like to discuss the Governor's budget during the Jan. 11 meeting. A subcommittee would draft the response to go to the FACCC board.

Volunteers: Joseph, Josh, Bob, Sarah. Thank you!

- 2. Next meeting: January 11, 2021, 5:00 PM
- . Please be ready to review the Governor's state budget proposal