



FACCC Policy Committee Meeting Notes

January 25, 2024
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Attending: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Joseph Bielanski, John Freitas, K. Frindell Teuscher, Deirdre Frontczak, Cynthia Mahabir, Richard Mahon, Anna Mathews, Ian Walton and Andrew Walzer

Absent:

Overview

- The FACCC conference breakout sessions on **Feb 25th** will focus on translating policy forum ideas into action on campuses.
- The strategy included plans for engaging with trustees and revising the strategic plan to emphasize faculty professional development.
- The next meeting is on **Feb 22nd** to finalize conference and policy paper topics preparations.
- The team stressed the importance of brief policy paper summaries and incorporating faculty opinions in talks with trustees.

FACCC Policy Committee Goals

- Cynthia mentioned the FACCC's goal to bring the community feel back into the community colleges.
- The one-tier faculty paper in progress is in line with tackling the shortcomings of the reform agenda.
- Cynthia hopes that these themes will be brought up again at the conference.

Faculty Engagement

- Cynthia and Ian mentioned that faculty involvement is key to student achievement.
- Ian felt the policy forum was a great success, with in-depth conversations about the faculty's role in considering the reform agenda.
- Ian observed a strong feeling in his breakout group that reversing parts of the reform agenda could help bring back the community feel to community colleges.

Meeting Minutes Review

- K. Frindell Teuscher and others went over the previous meeting notes and made edits.
- Andrew, along with others, proposed taking out vague or incorrect parts of the notes.
- Adjusted the reference to Cal GETC AB-**928** in the meeting minutes.

Policy Forum Feedback

- Cynthia proposed a follow-up survey for policy forum participants to measure agreement with the conversations and readiness for immediate steps.
- K. Frindell Teuscher noticed attendees' varied viewpoints on bringing back the community atmosphere to colleges.
- Ian praised the success of the panel and breakout sessions during the policy forum.

Strategy for Organizing

- Andrew and Richard will head a breakout session on organizing tactics at the upcoming conference.
- Andrew's plan includes expanding FACCC influence and establishing committees at colleges.
- Developed methods for strengthening membership and advocacy.

FACCC Strategic Plan Discussion

- The strategic plan involves objectives like improved budgets, control over developmental education, and a unified faculty system.
- K. Frindell Teuscher proposed adding "Bring back faculty professionalism" to the strategic plan goals.
- Wendy will send the links for strategic vision documents and notes again.

FACCC Conference Breakout Session Planning

- Andrew, Richard, Ian, and others will assist in leading breakout sessions at the conference.
- The breakout session will last **1 hour and 10 minutes**, from **3:30 to 4:40 PM**.
- The sessions will aim to put policy forum ideas into practice on campuses.

One-Tier Faculty System and Organizing Conversation

- Cynthia highlighted the importance of including talks on moving towards a unified faculty system in the conference agenda.
- Talked about combining the one-tier system concept with the larger strategic plan.
- J Bielanski asked for the strategic plan to be sent again for everyone's review.

Conference Schedule Review

- The breakout session at the upcoming conference is planned for **Feb 25th**, from **3:30 to 4:40 PM**.
- K. Frindell Teuscher confirmed the event schedule on the FACCC website.

Next Meeting Date

- Confirmed the next meeting date as **Feb 22nd**, after noticing **Feb 15th** was booked.
- The group agreed to go over and provide thoughts on the 1-Tier paper draft by this date.

Policy Paper Development

- Wendy showed interest in creating more policy papers, referencing issues like AB **705**, **1705**, and standalone remediation.
- Exchanged views on how conference insights could shape future papers.
- Andrew insisted on presenting remediation, considering AB **1705**'s lack of success.

- Andrew considered strategic planning linked to faculty opinions at the Community College League Conference.
- Ian suggested outlining the background prior to AB **1705** to guide future changes.

Engagement with Trustees

- Indicated strategic actions for FACCC to impact trustees, acknowledging their influence in local decisions.
- Cynthia highlighted the union's role in trustee elections and shaping policies.
- Andrew suggested creating robust relationships with trustees through union collaborations to express faculty views.

Local Control Conversation Reframing

- John emphasized the necessity to portray 'local control' differently due to possible misinterpretations.
- The group advised focusing on adaptability and planning to positively shift the perception of local control and include it in the policy paper about local control.

Policy Paper Structure

- Deirdre and Andrew critiqued the length of the current policy paper, recommending a succinct summary at the beginning.
- Wendy explained that the committee should comment on existing documents and talk to a lobbyist for a short legislative version.