



FACCC as a Movement,

Not Just a Membership

By Stephanie Goldman, FACCC Executive Director

When people ask me what FACCC *does*, I can give a quick answer: We advocate. We educate. We collaborate. But what we *are*, that's something more profound. FACCC is not just a professional association or advocacy organization. It's a faculty-powered movement working to ensure that California's community colleges remain places where quality public higher education, academic freedom, and shared governance still matter.

Membership is critical to sustaining this work. It keeps our programs running, supports staff and operations, and funds the strategic advocacy for which we're known in Sacramento and beyond. However, if we limit

our vision to simple transactions like joining, paying dues, and receiving benefits, we miss the mark of what FACCC is. A movement doesn't begin and end with a membership form. It grows when people step up and shape what comes next.

Behind the scenes, we are constantly working to build up the faculty's power. We do this by working with our student partners, labor organizations, and other stakeholders who share our values. Whether it's standing together on budget requests and legislation or sharing each other's campaigns on social media, we're stronger when we work in partnership.

We also ensure faculty voices play a key role in every public conversation relating to community colleges and higher education. Through our press releases, interviews, and publications, FACCC ensures that policymakers hear directly from educators.

As an organization, we don't want to be seen just as speaking on behalf of faculty; instead, we want to be the ones to grab the microphone.

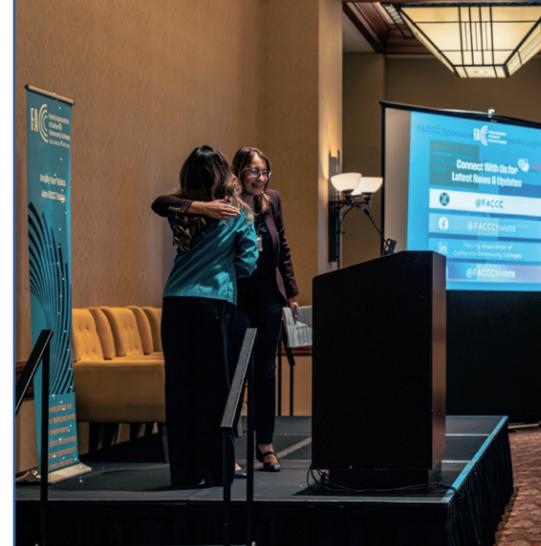


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The most important part is our connection to you, the faculty in the trenches. Whether through town halls, campus visits, committee work, or informal check-ins, we're building a powerful network. Faculty stories and experiences are imperative in advocacy and uplifting the profession.

The truth is, we can't do this work without you. You are partners in this movement. Whether you serve on a committee, bring FACCC to your campus, or attend a FACCC event, you're co-creating our profession's future.

FACCC doesn't belong to Sacramento. It belongs to you. The more we engage together, the stronger we become. Let's keep building this movement, side by side. ■



How to Get More Involved with FACCC

1. Join a committee

We rely on faculty to guide our work. Whether you're passionate about legislation, equity, or professional development, your voice is welcome and needed.

2. Host FACCC on your campus

Invite us to speak at a Senate meeting, union gathering, or campus event. We're happy to come to you.

3. Follow and share

Stay connected via social media and through our weekly updates. Share our content so more faculty understand what's at stake.

4. Run for a board position

FACCC's board of directors is led by faculty from across the state. Consider running in next year's elections or nominating a colleague for a position.

5. Attend our annual Advocacy & Policy Conference.

6. Become a FACCCtivist by signing up for our listserv at www.faccc.org/listserv.

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