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**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges
Responds to State Audit of 50% Law**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) appreciates the State Auditor's report on the oversight of the 50% Law. The report highlights a 45% growth in administrative positions systemwide despite the stagnation of faculty positions, which is a significant concern for FACCC.

"We are alarmed by the significant growth of administration without evidence that it leads to increased student success," said Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President of FACCC. "Much of the increase in student success can be attributed to committed but under-resourced faculty."

FACCC supports several key recommendations by the State Auditor, including that the 50 Percent Law should be amended to count the salaries and benefits of librarians and counselors as part of Instructor Salaries, provided the overall percentage districts must spend on these salaries is increased accordingly. FACCC also supports allowing districts to exclude technology expenses directly tied to instruction from the 50 percent calculation. Additionally, FACCC agrees that colleges need better guidelines on what qualifies as noninstructional purposes for which lottery funds cannot be used.

FACCC appreciates the State Auditor's recommendations to the Chancellor's Office, which include clarifying guidance on classifying expenses and transactions, creating a policy to verify districts' compliance plans, requiring Calbright College to follow the exemption application process, checking data submissions, and implementing a training program on submitting required data.

"We look forward to working with the Chancellor's Office to assist the districts in better compliance with the 50 Percent Law," said President Brill-Wynkoop. "It is essential that we prioritize spending on instruction and faculty to ensure the success of our students."

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