

# **FACCC Liaison Report to ASCCC** Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President

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## Goal: To better coordinate with system practitioners around legislation.

To further this goal, the ASCCC Legislative Committee and FACCC Legislative Committee have liaisons attending each other's Legislative Committee meetings. We have also scheduled webinars to provide advocacy training for faculty throughout the year. FACCC appreciated the opportunity to present in the Legislative General Session at the Fall 2021 Plenary, and we look forward to future presentations.

The Chancellor's Office and other system partners have indicated that they are willing to collaborate on the following legislative priorities:

- 1. Increased funding for our students as the CCCs are considerably underfunded by comparison to the other system of higher education
- 2. Transfer guarantee
- 3. Cal Grant reform
- 4. Access for undocumented students

In addition, we will be partnering with our unions to seek benefits for part-time faculty.

FACCC is visiting local senates to introduce Wendy Brill-Wynkoop and remind faculty of the importance of faculty engagement and advocacy on the state level. Faculty are concerned about the effects of AB 928 and AB 1111. We are encouraging faculty to sign up for our new listserv. Through Google Groups, similar to the unofficial senate's listserve, we envision it as a tool for faculty to ask questions in the next legislative session.

Join our advocates list-serve by sending email to: <u>FACCCadvocates+subscribe@googlegroups.com</u> You will receive an automatic email, follow the link, click join

Evan Hawkins is back from a sabbatical! A giant thank you to Stephanie Goldman for filling in in his absence.

### FACCC Legislation Update

- AB 1505 (Rodriguez) Rebench the FON bill
  - Will be heard in Assembly Higher Education Committee on Tuesday, January 11
- SR-45 Senate Resolution on Academic Freedom
  - Will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee at a to be determined time.
- Bill # TBA Chosen name and pronouns Assemblymember Arambula is authoring this bill.
- Audit FACCC is partnering with CCCI on an audit to determine how districts spent their full-time faculty hiring allocations.

#### FACCC/ASCCC Legislative & Advocacy Training Webinars

#### **Description:**

Over the past decade, the California Community Colleges have undergone dramatic changes resulting from legislative reform and the budget process. While the legislation is well-intended, it may not address the problem it is trying to fix, and in fact, legislative changes often have unintended consequences affecting student success. As future legislation is imminent, it is essential for faculty to be strong advocates at the state level with a fundamental understanding of policy development. This webinar will cover the role of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, various system partners, and outside advocacy groups and how they influence state-level policy development. The webinar will begin with the nuts and bolts of the state legislative process, provide assistance in following and tracking legislation, and then focus on sharing the voice of faculty with confidence to connect with local state-wide representatives effectively. Join your Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges colleagues to learn about how to advocate on behalf of faculty and students at the state level.

#### **Register at FACCC.org**

- Jan 18, 6-8 PM
- Feb 15, 6-8 PM
- March 22, 6-8 PM
- April 26, 6-8 PM
- May 24, 6-8 PM

#### Changes in Political Landscape & Upcoming Election Cycle

The California Redistricting Committee completed its work on the new district maps to determine the Assembly and Senate boundaries for the next decade of elections. The new districts shouldn't change the overall partisan landscape of the state; however, they have caused a game of political musical chairs and announcements from current legislators deciding not to run again (including Jose Medina and Connie Leyva). As a result, there will be many new legislators and committee chairs in the 2023-24 session, and the 2022 election will have a significant role in determining how it all shakes out.

A decade ago, the updated district boundaries had similar ramifications. From that experience, we know that this truly is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to build relationships with new legislators and educate them on our issues and perspectives. This is critical because we want to make sure they value the practitioner's perspective in their voting behavior.

Through the FACCC PAC, we will be endorsing many candidates to get a head start on this education and advocacy process.

#### FACCC Board meetings

- January 29 (Virtual)
- March 5 (Sacramento)
- May 7 (Hybrid)
- June 24-26 Board Retreat (Sacramento)

#### FACCC Events - register at FACCC.org

Policy Forum

• February 4, 2022, 9:30 am (Virtual)

FACCC Advocacy & Policy Conference

- March 6 & 7, 2022 (Sacramento)
- Registration is open and limited to 90 attendees

FACCC Great Teachers Seminar

• August 7-11, 2022 (Asilomar)