

FACCC Budget & Legislative Update

Debbie Klein, President Stephanie Goldman, Associate Director ASCCC Curriculum Institute July 10, 2020

FACCC Mission

FACCC Vision

 To inform, educate, empower, and advocate for faculty in service to students and the communities of California.

- An educational environment that is equitable, accessible, and appropriately funded led by a diverse and empowered faculty.
- Every faculty a member, every member an advocate, every advocate informed.

Agenda

- Overview of 2020-21 budget
- Overview of 2020 legislation
- November propositions
- FACCC recent achievements
- Q&A

State Budget Highlights California Community Colleges

- Prevents cuts to apportionment & categoricals.
- SCFF hold harmless provision extended an additional 2 years (through 2024).
- No cost-of-living (COLA).
- No enrollment growth funding.
- Food pantry expense created within SEA categorical.
- Prop 98 split maintained (~ 11% for CCC system).

Deferrals

• \$1.5 billion in funding to colleges is deferred to future years.

• \$662.1 million deferral from 2020-21 to 2021-22. Includes trailer bill language to allow hardship exemptions.

• Includes a trigger deferral of \$791.1 million Proposition 98. This deferral would be withdrawn if the state receives federal funding.

Other Highlights



- ~ 900 opposition messages sent to Governor Newsom through FACCC action alert system.
- Calbright funding reduced by \$5 million ongoing and \$40 million one-time.
- Calbright audit to begin this month (FACCC, CFT, CCCI are co-sponsors).

Other Highlights One-time Prop 98 & Federal Funds

- Block grant of \$120 million in one-time Prop 98 & federal funding to support expenses such as:
 - Mental health services.
 - Housing and food insecurity.
 - Re-engaging students who left in Spring 2020.
 - Technology and development of online courses.

Other Highlights Short-term Workforce Training

- The budget encourages short-term workforce training programs.
- Colleges encouraged to develop workforce training that utilizes competency-based approaches, and applies credit for prior learning where possible.

Other Highlights 50% Law Change Sunsets on 7/1/21

 Excludes COVID-19 related expenditures from the 50% Law calculations with a one-year sunset to expire on July 1, 2021.

CalSTRS Pension Payment Changes

- Redirects \$1.64 billion general fund CalSTRS supplemental pension payment provided in the 2019 Budget Act.
- Reduces district contribution rates by 2.95% in 2020-21 and 2.18% in 2021-22.

Budget Process From Here

- July 15 tax deadline and updated state revenues.
- Systemwide advocacy efforts start again.
- Likely August budget revisions.
- If federal funds are not received by October 15, triggers go into effect.

2020 Legislation

- AB 897 (Medina) Would increase the percentage of hours part-time faculty may teach to up to 85% of the hours per week a full-time employee having comparable duties.
- AB 2884 (Berman) Would allow districts to use restricted lottery funds to provide housing and food assistance to students.
 - Urgency clause

November 2020 Ballot

- Proposition 16: Ending the Ban on Affirmative Action
 - ACA 5 passed the Senate 30-10 & the Assembly 60-14.
 - FACCC PAC will engage in the campaign & collaborate with system partners.
- Proposition 15: Schools and Communities First
 - \$12 billion per year for K-12 schools, community colleges and local communities.
 - Business is funding the opposition campaign, afraid of changes to the 1978 Prop 13.

FACCC Achievements Advocacy

- Both 2019 sponsored bills signed into law: <u>AB 595</u> (Medina)
 & <u>AB 706</u> (Low).
- Successful advocacy in opposition to Calbright.
- Part-time faculty support is prioritized in budget proposals.
- Engagement with SCFF Oversight Committee.
- Published articles & op-eds on diversity, Calbright, part-time equity, AB 705, and more.

FACCC Achievements Chancellor's Office

- Joined system partners on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Implementation Workgroup.
- Regular meetings with Chancellor's Office government relations and finance staff.
- Working with Chancellor's Office staff on legislation and budget issues where appropriate.

FACCC Achievements Coalition Building

- SSCCC Advocacy & Policy Conference MOU.
- CoFO 5 letters to Legislature in 7 months on faculty budget priorities.
- CCLC Budget lobbying with The League & SSCCC.
- ASCCC FACCC president is liaison to Executive Committee meetings. FACCC leadership participates in events.

FACCC Achievements Membership

- College of the Redwoods all faculty became FACCC members in 2020.
- People of Color Committee became 10th committee of FACCC.
- Developed new database with current union contracts of all 72 districts.
- New website www.faccc.org.

FACCC Achievements Events

- Social Justice Conference at UCLA Labor Center.
- Successful Advocacy & Policy Conference (before shelter-in-place) with a more faculty- and committeedriven approach.
- Ongoing FACCC budget webinar series with over 300 registrants.

Next Steps

- Read The Weekly.
- Contact your representatives through action alerts.
- Be vigilant locally.
- Attend future FACCC budget webinars.
- Invite FACCC for a local district visit (virtual).
- Send follow up questions to <u>info@faccc.org</u>.
- Join FACCC!



Q&A

Thank you!