

FACCC



ADVOCACY & POLICY CONFERENCE

Building Community in Higher Education:
Fostering Relationships for Political Change



February 25-26
Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento



MAGNOLIA ROOM

10:00 - 10:05 a.m. **Welcome | Wendy Brill-Wynkoop | President, FACCC**

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **General Session I |**

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Keynote | Robin G. Isserles**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 - 1:15 p.m. **Annual Meeting**

1:15 - 2:00 p.m. **General Session | MAGNOLIA ROOM**

Vision for Funding the California Community Colleges

California's community colleges remain invaluable pathways to social mobility and economic opportunity, though years of underfunding and policy changes, like the Student-Centered Funding Formula, have posed challenges. Join FACCC as we present a bold vision to stabilize funding and preserve instructional quality at these essential institutions.

The session will outline FACCC's budget policy solutions focused on upholding California's 50% law to prevent administrative bloat and maintain investment in faculty and instruction; enforcing the 75/25 law that mandates expenditures supporting student-facing faculty; and preserving categorical funding for crucial student services and supports. FACCC is championing a multipronged funding stabilization strategy paired with accountability and quality safeguards. By uniting behind reality-based policies, we can prevent further erosion of these vital gateways to social mobility.

2:00 - 2:10 p.m. **Break**

2:10 - 3:20 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions I: A, B or C**

A. Advocacy Training for First Timers | ROOM Bataglieri

Gain a better understanding of the state legislative process, how bills become laws, and how to effectively communicate with representatives to advocate for policies that students and faculty need.

B. Part-Time Faculty Teaching in the California Community College System | ROOM Beavis

Experts discuss challenges, opportunities & strengths of part-time faculty. Ways to advocate for better working experiences & improve student success.

C. Moving Forward Our Funding Priorities | ROOM Compagno

A follow-up session to the general session on the budget. The goal of the session is to dive deeper into four key budget ideas: extend hold-harmless, the 50% law, the 75/25 law, and increased funding per FTES in order to develop a shared understanding that will strengthen our advocacy efforts. Through focused breakout groups, attendees will gain exposure to each of the key budget topics. There will be a chance to share key insights from the small group discussions and determine the next steps for improving our messaging and advocacy efforts around these community college budget priorities.

3:20 - 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 - 4:40 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II: A, B or C

A. Equity Issues Centering Around Grade Alleviation Practices and Policies | ROOM Bataglieri

This session will unpack several policies and practices that are available for students to alleviate grades or impact GPA such as Pass/No Pass (P/NP), Excused Withdrawal (EW), Grade Change, and Academic Renewal. Inconsistent implementation statewide creates confusion, harmful outcomes to students, and inequitable practices. These negatively affect completion and transfer rates, access and eligibility for financial aid, meeting satisfactory academic progress, academic probation and disqualification status. Specific examples and possible legislative solutions will be presented.

B. Amplifying Voices: Empowering Student Advocates for Change | ROOM Beavis

Join this dynamic workshop to gain essential skills and strategies for effective student advocacy. Explore the art of persuasive communication, learn how to navigate challenges, and harness the power of social media. Engage in interactive case studies and leave with a personalized action plan to drive meaningful change in your community.

C. Organizing to Bring Community Back to Community Colleges | ROOM Compagno

Join us and gain concrete organizing tactics to strengthen community college funding and programming. Learn how to effectively share FACCC's vision to increase public awareness of college missions, directly lobby legislators, and develop local campaigns. Whether you're a seasoned organizer or new to advocacy, learn grassroots strategies to unite around community college missions as a collective good. Walk away with tools to drive equitable policies, robust funding, and supportive contracts. Let's bring community back to community colleges through advocacy.

4:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions III : A or B

A. Reception for Faculty Awards | ROOM Carr

- Faculty of the Year Award, Tamara Chesire, Folsom Lake College
- Dean Murakami Advocate of the Year Award, Claire Thorson, Cabrillo College
- Emancipation Through Education Award, Nathalie Dierkx, College of the Redwoods
- Jonathan Lightman FACCCtivist Award, Emilie Hein, Skyline College

B. Student Caucus| Amplifying Voices: Empowering Student Advocates for Change | ROOM Beavis

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Monday, February 26

MAGNOLIA ROOM

8:30 - 9:10 a.m.

Breakfast | **Magnolia Room**

9:10 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome | Wendy Brill-Wynkoop | President, FACCC

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

FACCC PAC Champions

- Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas
- Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Legislator of the Year Award

- Assemblymember David Alvarez

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Talking Point for Legislative Visits | Wendy Brill-Wynkoop | President, FACCC

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks | Laura Alarcón | Governor, FACCC

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Conference Lounge | **Magnolia Room**