



FACCC Legislation & Budget Committee Meeting Report

January 26, 2026

Monday | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Sarah Thompson

Leslie Banta

Michelle Haggerty

Cynthia Mosqueda

Ruby Christian-Brougham

Iolani Sodhy-Gereben

Shioban McGregor-Gordon

Robert Stewart

Brandi Bailes

Staff:

Stephanie Goldman

Jason Henderson

Dual Enrollment Funding & Oversight

- Concerns regarding the proposed \$100 million increase for dual enrollment
 - Lack of quality control and insufficient oversight of dual enrollment programs.
- CSU campuses are increasingly enrolling dual-enrollment students
 - shifting resources and attention away from community colleges.
- Concern about funding flows disproportionately benefiting K-12 systems without appropriate benefit to community college faculty or instructional quality.

Legislative Priorities & Budget Engagement Strategy

- FACCC is partnering with CoFo to develop an aligned legislative priorities sheet.
- Meeting with LAO, DOF, Budget Committees/ Subcommittees to advance faculty-centered funding and policy priorities.

Think Tank Update

- Think Tank: SCFF working to oppose the use of punitive COLA mechanisms tied to compliance-based outcomes.
- Outreach efforts with SEIU 2015
 - SEIU 2015 supported and recommended pursuing broader statewide labor alignment.
- CCCI is also mobilizing lead faculty to engage classified staff.
- COLA as a punitive or performance tool is a harmful budgeting practice.

Community College League Perspectives & Budget Outlook

- Updates from CCLC highlighted ongoing discussions around rethinking the SCFF.
- Openness to potential adjustments

- CCLC is not fully opposed to the existing framework and referenced Texas as a comparative model.
- Broader fiscal outlooks shared from LAO and Senator Laird's office underscored the severity of the upcoming budget year
 - LAO is projecting a potential stock market correction. Not previously included in forecasting models.
 - Federal withholding impacts are also identified as an emerging concern.

Curriculum Autonomy & Legislative Boundaries

- ASCCC reiterated its strong opposition to legislative involvement in curriculum decisions, including concerns related to AB 705-style mandates.
- The group emphasized that programmatic mandates function as curriculum mandates.
- Reinforced the importance of maintaining academic senate authority over instructional design.

FACCC-Sponsored Legislative Proposals

- Sasha Rene Perez was identified as receiving the first opportunity to author FACCC's "Faculty Detainment/Deportation Protection" proposal.
- "Pre-Census Drop Data Collection" proposal, participants stressed the importance of prescriptive statutory language to avoid broad, evaluative frameworks that could shift focus toward student process assessments rather than targeted data collection.

Upcoming Meeting Logistics

- 1st & 4th Mondays, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Skipping February 2