



FACCC Legislation & Advocacy Committee Meeting Notes - January 11, 2023

Members Present:

Joseph Bielanski, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Andrew Walzer, Chriss Yanuaria, Ruby Christian-Brougham

- Discussed the Governor's Budget Proposal on January 10
 - Evan presented the Governor's January budget proposal to the committee
 - Stable Budget - Despite a projected \$22.5 billion budget shortfall, it does not appear there will be any cuts to the community college budget. The rainy day fund (and other reserves) could cover any deficits if necessary.
 - COLA and Growth - A proposed 8.13% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Student Centered Funding Formula apportionments and \$28.8 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for 0.5-percent enrollment growth.
 - "Flexibility" - The Governor is proposing "flexibility" on spending and reporting for categoricals. We need more details here, but this is very concerning especially for EOPS and MESA.
 - Student Retention and Enrollment - \$200 million one-time to support student retention and enrollment.
- Committee recommendations for FACCC's response to the budget proposal
 - We appreciate:
 - No cuts approach to the budget proposal
 - High 8.13% COLA
 - Concerns
 - Students
 - We need solutions to affordable housing for students, we have concerns about the governor's plans to delay the grants to build student housing
 - Worried about the state's ability to fund the CalGrant framework
 - Categoricals
 - The proposal intends to make categorical funding more "flexible" to meet the arbitrary goals of the "CCC Road Map"

- We have major concerns for original equity programs like EPOS and MESA and need to protect their funding
- Enrollment decline
 - We appreciate the \$200 M to combat enrollment decline, but have concerns about the DOF putting districts on notice and taking the “stick” approach.
 - There is a lack of acknowledgement that legislation policy and regulation has contributed to this enrollment decline.
 - In addition to the unintended consequence of increase per student funding is a benefit.
- Other
 - The UC AA Pathway program completely ignores the program of impaction in trying to improve transfer outcomes
 - The SCFF is broken, no tweaking will help.
- Upcoming meetings
 - Beginning in February, **regular meeting will be on the first Monday of the month @ 4 pm**