



FACCC Legislation & Budget Committee Meeting Notes

June 3, 2024

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Attending: Ruby Christian-Brougham, John Govsky, Michelle Haggerty, Emily Haraldson, Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Anna Mathews, Jacob Roe, Bob Stockwell, and Sarah Thompson

Absent: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Joshua Christ, Daniel Judge

Student Coordinator Introduction

- Anna told the committee that FACCC's new Student Coordinator would be attending the meeting.
- Jacob Roe, the new Student Coordinator, introduced himself and showed his enthusiasm for the opportunity.

Legislative Advocacy Update

- Anna reported the failure of SB 1388, the approval of AB 2370, AB 2707, and AB 2033, and upcoming hearings.
- Changes were made to the bills for reducing costs and to address privacy concerns regarding the use of AI.

AB 2057 Review

- The committee reviewed AB 2057 (Berman's ADT bill) and talked about its potential impacts.
- The bill's possible effects on legislative overreach and pressures on smaller colleges were worries.
- The committee considered how AB 2057 might affect STEM pathways and equity, raising worries about pressures on students and faculty.
- Bob shared Mark Berman's public comment that criticized educational institutions for not preparing students to work at tech companies.
- The committee talked about the influence of corporations on Berman's policies and his possible misunderstanding of community college roles and student demographics.
- FACCC decided to take a watch position on AB 2057 and further analyze the bill's possible effects on equity.

Committee Suggestions for Addressing AB 2057

- Members suggested asking about the bill's strategy to close equity gaps and its possible consequences for underprepared students.
- They talked about the challenge for smaller colleges in implementing new curricula and the different approaches between opposing and actively engaging with the bill's processes.

Campaign Strategies for Upcoming Initiatives

- Sarah suggested creating campaigns to address key faculty concerns, suggesting a structured five-year plan approach.
- Campaigns included "Campaign for Student Choice" (AB 1705) and "Campaign for Equitable Funding" (SCFF).
- Focus areas for the campaigns included addressing fallout from AB 1705 and the student-centered funding formula.
- Sarah encouraged forming teams to develop and implement detailed strategies for the campaigns.

Strategic Planning Timelines

- John suggested considering a four- or six-year strategic plan in line with legislative cycles.
- Anna supported aligning strategic plans with legislative cycles for a series of bills, proposing six or possibly four years for an ambitious timeline.
- Sarah noted the importance of considering legislative cycles and recognized potential collaboration with the League for equitable funding efforts.

SCFF and Budget Concerns

- John talked about the SCFF and AB 1705 funding issues, suggesting targeted changes to AB 1705 over several years.
- Ruby expressed worries about her large district dipping into a 16% reserve by at least 3%, forecasting significant deficits starting the fiscal year '25-'26.
- Sarah mentioned the League's budget committee's awareness of FACCC's effectiveness and the talk of forming a committee to propose a new funding model.
- Anna and Sarah talked about informing legislators and recruiting FACCC members to meet with assembly and senate committee members due to new legislators' limited understanding of AB 1705 and the SCFF.

Educational System and Funding Reform

- Sarah suggested that funding reform should include separation from K-12 funding, which would require a careful approach with the CTA concerning Prop 98 adjustments.
- John agreed on the importance of carefully dealing with the CTA on changes concerning Prop 98.

Reserve Audit and Data

- Anna asked about the purpose of the reserve audit and Sarah provided clarification, with Sarah mentioning that she had a list of questions to assess district reserves.
- Data up to the 2022-23 period will be reviewed for reserve audit talks.

Campaigns and Committee Work

- Keeping momentum for FACCC campaigns including SCFF, AB 1705, and equitable funding was talked about.
- The equitable funding initiative will be prioritized for the next two legislative cycles.
- A talk about forming a new funding model took place, along with potential for league collaboration.
- There was a commitment to a four-year aggressive plan as a priority.
- Oranit expressed interest in serving on the equitable funding committee and on one focusing on AB 1705.

BIPOC Committee Involvement

- The BIPOC committee asked for evaluation of FACCC processes for inclusion at committee meetings. The committee agreed that the start of the new FACCC year is a good time to do this, potentially with guidance from the BIPOC committee.

Administrative Updates

- Committee rosters will be approved at the upcoming retreat, with the understanding that existing members who wished to remain on committees would be able to unless changes were explicitly stated.