



FACCC Legislation & Budget Committee Meeting Notes

March 4, 2024
5:00 – 6:00 pm

Attending: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Joshua Christ, Ruby Christian-Brougham, Libby Cook, Michelle Haggerty, Emily Haraldson, Daniel Judge, Anna Mathews, Bob Stockwell, Sarah Thompson and Austin Webster

Absent:

Next Meetings Dates

- Proposed a meeting on Monday, March 11, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss early hearing deadlines and Title IX bills.
- The next regular meeting is confirmed for April Fool's Day, which falls on **April 1**.

Legislative Bill Tracker

- The FACCC Legislative Tracker is updated to provide current information on bills relevant to community colleges.
- It includes positions from various organizations such as CFT, CTA, the chancellor's office, and the league.
- The tracker is organized by priority, and users can control F to find a bill by its number.
- The Chancellor's Office tracker is similar but needs to detail their position.

Legislative Bills and Actions

AB 2370 (AI Bill)

- The bill's feedback has been positive, especially from labor partners.

AB 2707

- FACCC and SSCCC stopped the bill's expansion to include UC and CSU.
- The bill's focus remains on non-traditional community college students.

AB 2033

- Emphasized ensuring legislative language considers the challenges of implementing EBT at remote campuses, particularly in rural areas.

Spot Bills Language Review

- SB 1388 - CFT Reserves bill
 - Bill limits on district reserves; CFT is the lead sponsor and CTA also intends to co-sponsor.
 - Bill addresses the concerns about the maximum and minimum limits set for district reserves.
 - The committee will support the bill if the language in print matches expectations.
 - FACCC not pursuing a co-sponsor without CFT's request
- SB 1039 - 50% Law Modification Bill

- Scott Wilk proposed altering the 50% law to include counselors and librarians, potentially raising the requirement to 60%.
- The committee showed support for this bill and talked about its positive impact on instruction.
- There will be increased district flexibility if counselors and librarians salaries could be spent out of general fund
- Decision to sponsor is dependent on staff capacity and goodwill from Wilk.
- Unanimous support for AB 1039 if language remains unchanged.
- Sponsorship means FACCC being the lead organization and getting bill credit.
 - FACCC will sponsor if they have the capacity and if Wilk is interested in FACCC sponsoring.

Recommendations for Upcoming Tasks

- Members are encouraged to read the Assembly Higher Education report on Title IX, especially the recommendations section.
- The plan is to talk about Title IX-related bills at the next meeting.

Update on 50% Audit of College Campuses

- California state auditor's schedule delays and inability to hire enough CPAs to complete the 50% audit.
- Districts close to the 50% law were suggested for the audit; actual selection not known.
- California state auditor is behind schedule, unable to hire enough CPAs because they don't pay enough.

Consent Calendar

- The consent calendar was approved except for bills AB 1818, AB 1855, and SB 895, which were pulled for individual conversation.

AB 1855 - Teleconference Access Bill

- SSCCC sponsoring bill for flexible teleconferencing guidelines for students.
- Concerns raised regarding First Amendment, Brown Act, and accountability issues.
- Issue of student access, especially for those with disabilities, used for bill justification.
- Decision to watch the bill due to concerns around potential misuse and lack of accountability measures.

AB 1818 - Student Homelessness and Parking Bill

- Concern about costs, mandatory aspects of providing facilities for homeless students, and liability.
- Idea of working with cities for student housing on campus talked about.
- Sarah also brought up safety concerns if facilities must open late at night.
- Decision to maintain watch position due to unresolved issues around liability, costs, and practicality.

SB 895 - Nursing BA Bill

- The conversation reflected concerns about funding and technology systems for tracking bachelor's degree progress.
- The committee took a watch position due to unresolved funding issues and potential cost implications for colleges.

Next Meeting Plans

- Wendy noted that the next meeting is scheduled for next Monday at **5:00 pm** for those who can attend.
- Urged participants to read the AHE Call-to-Action report beforehand.

Bill Position Approvals

Bill Number	Author	Topic	Subject	FACCC Position
ACR 147	Alvarez D	California's First-Generation College Celebration Day.	Students	Support
AB 1160	Pacheco D	Protecting Students from Creditor Colleges Act.	Financial Aid	Support
AB 1818	Jackson D	Public postsecondary education: homeless students: parking.	Basic Needs	Watch
AB 1841	Weber D	Student safety: opioid overdose reversal medication: student housing facilities.	Students	Support
AB 1855	Arambula D	Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations.	Governance	Watch
AB 1885	Addis D	Student Success Completion Grant program.	Financial Aid	Support
AB 1891	Weber D	Community colleges: allied health programs.	Nursing	Support
AB 1997	McKinnor D	Teachers' Retirement Law.	Retirement	Support
AB 2104	Soria D	Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.	Nursing	Watch
AB 2150	Arambula D	Public social services: higher education.	Basic Needs	Support
AB 2193	Holden D	Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability: resources.	Students	Support
AB 2277	Wallis R	Community colleges: part-time faculty.	PT	Support
AB 2305	Fong. Mike D	Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree program.	BA	Support
AB 2349	Wilson D	Public postsecondary education: Cal-Bridge Program.	Financial Aid	Support
AB 2407	Hart D	Public postsecondary educational institutions: sexual harassment complaints: state audits	Title IX/DEIA	Support
AB 2500	Fong. Mike D	Student financial aid: application deadlines: postponement.	Financial Aid	Support
AB 2852	Garcia D	Public postsecondary education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program.	Students	Support
AB 2901	Aguiar-Curry D	School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave.	Union/Working Conditions	Support
AB 3015	Ramos D	Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition and fees: federally recognized Indian tribes.	Financial Aid	Support

AB 3110	Fong, Mike D	Community colleges: preapprenticeship programs.	CTE	Support
AB 456	Maienschein D	Public postsecondary education: campus mental health hotlines: report.	Mental Health	Support
SB 1015	Cortese D	Nursing schools and programs.	Nursing	Support
SB 1042	Roth D	General acute care hospitals: clinical placements: nursing.	Nursing	Support
SB 895	Roth D	Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.	Nursing	Watch
SB 959	Menjivar D	Public postsecondary education: sexual orientation and gender identity: campus contact.	Students	Support
SB 971	Portantino D	Community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition fee: resident of a region impacted by war or regional conflict.	Financial Aid	Support