



## Legislation & Budget Committee Notes

October 2, 2023  
5:00 - 6:00 pm

Attending: Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Joshua Christ, Ruby Christian-Brougham, Libby Cook, John Govsky, Michelle Haggerty, Emily Haraldson, Daniel Judge, Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Robert Stockwell, Sarah Thompson

Absent:

Staff: Anna Mathews

### Overview

- Discussed the student's emergency grants bill SB34 (Chiu), the **50%** law, and planned future meetings.
- The focus was on preparing for legislative priorities.
- Anna Mathews' birthday was celebrated

### Meeting Content Details

#### Social Media Communication

- Anna Mathews stated that they had approximately **100** participants for their SB444 email campaign and suggested sharing this achievement on social media.

#### SB444: Student's Emergency Grants Bill

- The bill, identified by Oranit Limmaneeprasert as AB 943 from **2019**, was discussed. Wendy Brill-Wynkoop and Bob Stockwell discussed this student emergency grants bill they co-sponsored with CFT.
- A bill following up on students' emergency grants was proposed.
- The importance of following up on outcomes of bills that have been passed was noted, with the potential for "study bills" to be raised for future sessions.

#### Advocacy Topics

- Legislative priorities were addressed, referencing the [link to survey summary results](#).
- Potential steps based on the survey results were reviewed by Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, including possibilities of repealing/reforming 705/1705, improving repeatability, expanding BA degrees, and considering a bond bill.
- The committee considered whether recent bills were being complied with in their respective districts.
- Discussions included use of lottery funds for basic needs and noncompliance with the county liaison bill.
- 2024 Legislative Priorities identified

- o Insert “human” into distance education language in Ed Code
- o Faculty Trustee with an advisory vote on local boards
- o Study bill regarding unhoused students and barriers for students 25 years and up
- o Countering attacks on the 50% law
- Future bill ideas and other
  - o Expanding BA degrees - need to look at FACCC Policy paper and build a coalition
  - o Childcare expansion - budget process
- Organizational Capacity & Legislative Priorities
  - The need for strategic framing of legislative priorities was highlighted by Sarah Thompson due to predicted conflicts with the budget and the chancellor's office regarding the **50%** law.
  - Wendy Brill-Wynkoop stressed the need for strategic planning due to limited organizational capacity and upcoming organizational changes, such as a new advocacy team, Evan's departure, and the appointment of a new executive director.
  - Wendy Brill-Wynkoop referred to the potential of future cooperation with union partners through bill co-sponsoring.

#### **Audit on the 50% Law**

- Sarah Thompson and Dave Fouquet studied district expenditure trends, showing the decreasing percentage dedicated to instruction. The data suggests that only **46%** of the unrestricted total and **35%** of all expenditures are used for instruction in **2021-22**. They proposed district-wide audits to verify this trend.
- A consensus was reached to compile a report for the entirety of the system, initiated by Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, with Oranit Limmaneeprasert.
- Concerns about protecting categoricals such as EOPS were expressed.

#### **Future Meeting Tasks**

- Town Hall scheduled for October 3rd at 6pm.
- Wrap up the legislative priorities at the October 9 meeting
- November and December work on a position paper on community college funding, including their stance on the **50%** law.
- Sarah Thompson will be sharing the chart data after confirming some points with Dave.

#### **Suggestions for Future Meetings**

- Most November and December meetings could focus on the budget paper policy, with Wendy Brill-Wynkoop suggesting a special meeting following the governor's budget announcement in January or February.

#### **ID.me System Discussion**

- The ID.me system was examined, discussing its potential effects on enrolment for groups like the undocumented, the formerly incarcerated, and foster youths.