



FACCC Policy Committee Meeting Notes

May 30, 2024
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Attending: Joseph Bielanski, Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, Richard Mahon, Anna Mathews, K. Frindell Teuscher, Ian Walton

Absent:

AI Policy Statement

- FACCC's objective to finalize papers for the board meeting in June.
- The AI policy statement is a top concern with the need to sort out details.
- FACCC's AI policy statement revision was prioritized for the board meeting in June, with changes addressing academic integrity, bias in AI, and challenges in students' services.
- The team committed to exploring new teaching strategies due to AI's impact on critical thinking and assessments.
- Updated the document to raise concerns over AI's potential to weaken critical thinking and learning.
- Emphasized the need to ensure AI does not duplicate historical biases, and the team agreed to revise the wording to make clear the impact of training on AI results.
- The team acknowledged the risk of AI continuing biases from the data it's trained on.

AB 1705 Policy Statement

- Showcased the draft policy paper, mentioning algebra, English courses, and district autonomy to provide such classes, while also underlining the necessity for "evidence-based" reasons for course offerings.
- Endorsed including "evidence-based" justifications for course offerings in the debate.
- Disputed the portrayal of the Chancellor's office and legislature's roles in hindering community colleges from giving courses.
- Legislative and regulatory restrictions were discussed.
- Dialogued about clear language, adding a comment on education code and Title V terminology.
- Progressively shaped the policy paper's viewpoint on introductory math and English classes, evaluating the consequences of AB1705 and the harmony with community demands.

Committee Decisions and Meetings

- It was confirmed that committee introductions would happen mid-August, and they would arrange future meeting times after that.

Acknowledgments and Appreciations

- Ian thanked Kay for her contribution as committee chair.
- Kay was grateful for the opportunity and enjoyed the experience.
- The gathering recognized the fulfillment of their objectives and exchanged good wishes.