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Every faculty a member, every member an advocate
—FACCC Vision Statement

FACCC PAC DEMONSTRATES WINNING RECORD

FACCC PAC endorsed sixty out of eighty Assembly candidates, and fifteen out of twenty Senate candidates. Voters sent fifty-six out of the sixty FACCC PAC endorsed candidates to the Assembly (93 percent), and fourteen out of fifteen candidates to the Senate (93 percent).

FACCC PAC congratulates FACCC Members Lori Saldaña and Alberto Torrico who prevailed in their Assembly races in San Diego and San Jose, respectively.

See details of the election results on the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org.

CPR COMMISSION REJECTS MANDATORY VOLUNTEERISM, ELIMINATION OF CCBOG

During its final hearing, the California Performance Review (CPR) Commission explicitly rejected the elimination of the Community College Board of Governors (CCBOG). Instead, the Commission recommended that the Board of Governors and the System Office of the California Community Colleges be given enhanced authority. The Commission report to the Governor states that the "Community College system is an important provider of higher education to the state's residents and should be able to shape educational policy for its students."

The Commission also rejected mandatory volunteerism for community college students and acknowledged that the initial proposal was a "bad idea." View the Commission's report online at www.faccc.org.

To date, forty-seven districts, representing seventy-six colleges, have adopted resolutions to either oppose the consolidation/BOG elimination proposal or support the CCC system response. Of these, 5 adopted resolutions addressing both positions.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TESTIFY AGAINST HIGHER FEES

October 7, faculty representatives testified at a joint hearing of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education. Assembly Members Carol Liu (D. - Pasadena) and Robert Pacheco (R. - Walnut), along with Senator Jack Scott (D. - Pasadena), conducted the hearing at Pasadena City College.

Representing all faculty groups in the Council of Faculty Organizations (Academic Senate, FACCC, CCA/CTA, CCC/CFT, CCCCCI), Academic Senate Vice President Ian Walton stressed faculty opposition to increasing student fees as a means to solving the funding crisis. His words were reinforced by FACCC Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker and Community College Association President Cathy Crane-McCoy.

Several other speakers advocated raising student fees beyond the current \$26 level. Community college administrators targeted both the 75/25 full- to part-time faculty ratio and the Fifty Percent Law as a means of easing the fiscal burden on districts.

CCBOG APPROVES 2005-06 BUDGET CHANGE PROPOSAL (BCP)

The Community College Board of Governors is seeking an additional \$500 million in new funding and \$53.7 million in one-time funding for 2005-06. The BCP focuses on recovering the loss in base funding in such areas as prior-year lost COLA, professional development, Matriculation, and part-time faculty office hours and health benefits. The BCP contemplates an additional \$80 million in equalization, and \$14 million for student health services.

The CCBOG rejected seeking another increase in student fees. Instead, it asked for a study to provide definition to its own policy that fee increases should be "gradual, moderate and predictable." Additionally, the CCBOG requested to know whether the recent fee hikes had a differential impact on groups of students.

See the BCP on the "State Budget" page of the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org.

CCBOG ADOPTS A PARTIAL TRIGGER FOR FULL-TIME FACULTY HIRING

Despite testimony from FACCC and other faculty organizations, the CCBOG adopted only a partial "trigger" of full-time faculty hires for Fall 2005. The Community College Board of Governors is required each year to determine whether sufficient revenue exists to trigger growth in the "Faculty Obligation Number" for each district. During years in which the board determines that adequate COLA and growth funds are available for full implementation, each district's obligation increases approximately by its percentage increase in funded, full-time equivalent students (FTES) enrolled in credit courses.

The CCBOG determined that the cut to Partnership for Excellence (PFE) in the current year budget necessitates only partial implementation of increases in the full-time faculty obligations. Normal increases in the obligation (equivalent to each district's percentage increase in funded credit FTES) will be adjusted by the extent to which a district's PFE loss compares to allocated increases for general apportionment COLA and equalization.

Following its approval of the "partial" trigger, the CCBOG approved a motion to evaluate the implementation of the 75/25 full- to part-time faculty hiring goal. The evaluation will examine why there is a chronic inability for some districts to make progress; what impact the recent "golden handshake" has had on the full- to part-time ratio; whether districts can develop multi-year plans for progress; and what alternatives are available for districts with large anomalies in their numbers.

DID YOU KNOW?

The November elections returned the same ratio of Democrats to Republicans in both Houses of the Legislature. Democrats will continue to hold 48 seats in the Assembly and 25 in the Senate. Republicans control 32 Assembly seats, 15 Senate.

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2004 FACCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2004 FACCC Annual Conference, "Mission Possible: Focusing on Choices," held this year in the beautiful Manhattan Beach Marriott, was a huge success. Ten different organizations worked with FACCC in this unprecedented "partnership" conference, creating a buzz of excitement among Conference attendees, speakers and sponsors alike.

Keep an eye out for the Winter issue of *FACCCTS*, which will feature details, highlights, photos and more from this year's Conference. Visit us online at www.faccc.org for a complete photo album of this year's conference (under "Photos"), as well as details for next year's conference as they become available (under "Education & Events").

SCHWARZENEGGER APPOINTS STUDENT TRUSTEE TO CCBOG

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Stacey McMullen, 36, of Long Beach to the CCBOG. McMullen is a student at Los Angeles Harbor College and a student member of the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees.

TAX TIME: DEDUCTIONS MEAN FACCC MEMBER SAVINGS

FACCC is a nonprofit 501(c)(5) corporation. FACCC members can deduct 80 percent of their FACCC membership dues (minus PAC contributions) as a business expense. For most full-time faculty members, this translates to \$108 per year, and \$32 per year for most part-timers.

Santa Monica faculty pay into the FACCC Education Institute, a 501(c)(3) corporation, through a contract with their local faculty association. Full-time Santa Monica faculty members can deduct \$135 per year, and part-time faculty, \$35 per year as a charitable expense.

Consult your tax advisor for details.

FACCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTIONS UPDATE

Following last year's success, the 2005 FACCC Board of Governors elections will be held online. Information on this Spring's elections will be posted on the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org and included in the Weekly E-mails. If you wish to vote by paper ballot, please contact Paul Simmons at (916) 447-8555 or via e-mail to psimmons@faccc.org. Although the paper ballots will not be developed until March, FACCC will put your name on a list to receive one in the mail.

If you are interested in serving on a FACCC committee or the Board of Governors, please contact the FACCC office at (916) 447-8555.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER BAKER

FACCC Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker was just elected to the governing board of the Natomas Unified School District. FACCC extends its congratulations to Jennifer on this achievement.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14, 2005 - FACCC LOBBY DAY

Come to Sacramento to learn how to advocate your issues, and join your colleagues in visiting your legislators to talk about our issues.

EDITORIAL CORRECTION

The fall issue of *FACCCTS* incorrectly listed Lobby Day as March 21st. Please note that the FACCC Board of Governors has moved the date to [March 14](#).

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming professional development opportunities, as presented by the FACCC Education Institute:

JANUARY

- 7** **College of the Canyons**
"Diversity and Discussion Styles," featuring Pat Bennett
- 7 - 8** **East SF Bay Area**
Annual "Teaching and Learning Colloquium," focusing on student learning outcomes, teaching to diversity and the new accreditation standards
- 11** **College of the Canyons College**
"Identifying & Responding to Difficult Students," featuring Dr. Richard Beyer
- 13** **College of the Canyons**
"Working and Assessing with Rubrics," featuring Clark Parsons

MARCH

- 2 - 4** **Sacramento**
CCCAOE Conference (Vocational Education), FACCC participating as partner and workshop

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