

Every faculty a member, every member an advocate

—FACCC Vision Statement

**GOVERNOR
UNVEILS BUDGET
PROPOSAL**

Gov. Schwarzenegger released his \$99 billion budget proposal, containing \$76 billion in General Fund expenditures, \$21 billion in special funds, and \$1.9 billion in bond funds. According to the governor's Budget Summary, the proposal addresses a deficit of more than \$26 billion, comprising a \$9.2 billion year-end deficit in 2002–03, and exacerbated by an additional shortfall of \$3 billion in 2003–04, as well as a deficit of \$14 billion in 2004–05.

The Legislature will soon begin deliberating the budget. A two-thirds vote is required for passage, unless voters approve Proposition 56 on the March ballot, which would lower the threshold to 55 percent.

**COMMUNITY
COLLEGES SLATED
FOR OVERALL
FUNDING
INCREASE**

Community colleges were one of few programs slated for an overall funding increase in the governor's proposed budget. According to the state Chancellor's Office, under the governor's proposal, overall system spending would increase by \$211 million, which includes \$120 million in Proposition 98 funds and \$91 million in new fee revenues.

Since the budget only provides a Cost of Living Adjustment where mandated by statute, such as the COLA on the K-12 revenue limit, there is no COLA provided for community colleges in the January proposal. However, the Department of Finance has indicated that there will be a COLA (likely at \$81 million) proposed in the May Revise.

**REBASING
PROPOSITION 98
DOESN'T
ADDRESS
STATUTORY SPLIT**

The budget presumes a \$2 billion rebasing of the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee, resulting from a political deal made with the California Teachers' Association and other select members of the K-12 coalition. Although Prop 98 mandates that \$4 billion is owed to K-12 and community colleges, the deal would defer \$2 billion of this obligation to 2005–06, with payment completed in 2007–08.

FACCC is concerned that the proposal to rebase Prop 98 was developed without consultation of any organization solely representing community colleges. While the deal enables the governor to free up money for non-Prop 98 programs in the budget, it does not address the central concern of the community colleges—implementation of the statutory Prop 98 split.

The budget proposal shows progress by increasing the community colleges' share of the Prop 98 split from 9.5 to 10.04 percent, but, according to the state Chancellor's Office, 0.4 percent of the increase will go towards sustaining the \$200 million "deferral" approved as part of the 2003–04 Budget Act.

FACCC will advocate for the Legislature to examine the proposal to ensure that it provides fair treatment for community colleges.

**PART-TIME
FACULTY LINE
ITEMS TARGETED
FOR
DECATEGORIZATION**

The governor proposes folding Part-Time Faculty Equity, Office Hours and Health Benefits into base funding, which means these line items would cease to exist as independent programs.

Alongside these programs, the governor also proposes folding into the base Partnership for Excellence, Matriculation, and \$12.5 million of the Technology, Telecommunications Infrastructure Program. FACCC supports folding Partnership for Excellence into the base budget, but not Matriculation or the TTIP program.

The governor also proposed two clusters of programs, which he has labeled "block grants." One cluster includes Extended Opportunities Programs & Services, CARE, and Fund for Student Success, while another includes Hazardous Materials, Scheduled Maintenance, and Instructional Equipment. Disabled Students Programs & Services would be funded at its current level and is not slated for clustering.

The budget proposes elimination of Teacher and Reading Development Partnerships (\$3.7 million) and Fund for Instructional Improvement (\$312,000). Instead, the Administration proposes redirecting this money to growth for non-credit FTES.

**STUDENT FEE HIKE/
DIFFERENTIAL FEE
PROPOSED**

Gov. Schwarzenegger has called for an increase in fees from \$18 to \$26 per unit, with students possessing a bachelor's degree paying \$50 per unit. The new fees would bring in \$91 million, offsetting a like amount of General Fund support. FACCC opposes fee increases as well as the concept of a differential fee.

**FACCC 2004 BUDGET
PRIORITIES IN BRIEF**

(This list is not exhaustive; please visit www.faccc.org for more information.)

- Proposition 98 split at 10.93%
- COLA
- No student fee hikes
- Increased funding for growth
- Equalization
- Non-credit education
- Retention of Matriculation, Part-Time Equity, Office Hours, and Health Benefits as categorical programs
- Oppose clustering of vital instructional and support services
- Reinstatement of Professional Development



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InFACCC

InFACCC is a member-only newsletter of FACCC, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. FACCC is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes unity and professionalism among California Community Colleges faculty—counselors, instructors and librarians—and advocates on behalf of faculty to encourage policy makers to provide adequate resources and appropriate laws and regulations to assure Californians broad access to community college education.

STAND UP and SPEAK OUT for Community Colleges

FACCC Leadership Lobby Day
and the March in March



March 15, 2004 | State Capitol

FACCC Leadership Lobby Day will be held in the state Capitol, 9-10 a.m., followed by the March in March and visits with your state representatives.

Your attendance is necessary.

Contact FACCC at 916.447.8555 to set up appointments with your legislators

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BATTLE HEATS UP

Gov. Schwarzenegger has prioritized workers' compensation reform for his legislative agenda, threatening to sponsor an initiative if the Legislature does not deliver a bill that meets his criteria by March 1. While FACCC is concerned about the rising costs of workers' compensation, it will oppose efforts that impair faculty benefits.

If you have filed a workers' compensation claim for an injury suffered as a community college faculty member, FACCC would like to speak to you. Please e-mail Executive Director Jonathan Lightman at jlfaccc@aol.com or Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at jbaker@faccc.org, or call (916) 447-8555. Any information you disclose to FACCC will be kept confidential.

PPIC RELEASES REPORT ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCE

The Public Policy Institute of California's recent report "Financing California's Community Colleges," describes funding trends for the California Community Colleges system and assesses its ability to meet future challenges. It finds that CCC revenue growth has fallen behind that of other systems in both California and the rest of the nation, and that the system's complicated allocation system is ready for reform. To view the report, visit www.faccc.org, What's New.

CALPIRG HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT ISSUES REPORT: RIP-OFF 101

The California Public Interest Research Group recently issued, "Rip-off 101: How the Current Practices of the Textbook Industry Drive up the Cost of College Textbooks." To view the full report, go to the FACCC Web site at www.faccc.org and click on "What's New."



NEW CC CHANCELLOR NOW IN OFFICE

The new chancellor of the California Community Colleges, Dr. Marshall "Mark" Drummond, assumed his new position Jan. 18, 2004, when Chancellor Thomas J. Nussbaum officially retired. Most recently, Drummond

served as chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District. Prior to that, he was president of Eastern Washington University for nearly ten years.

PLAN TO ATTEND FACCC LEADERSHIP LOBBY DAY AND THE MARCH IN MARCH

FACCC encourages all faculty to attend FACCC's Leadership Lobby Day and the second annual March in March, on Monday, March 15. FACCC Leadership Lobby Day will be held in the state Capitol, 9-10:00 a.m. (room TBA), followed by the March in March and visits with your state representatives. Please confirm your attendance at Lobby Day, and indicate your interest in FACCC setting up your legislative appointments, by calling (916) 447-8555, or e-mail Janet Oropeza at ohmity1@aol.com.

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR THE FACCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

FACCC is now accepting nominations for open seats on the FACCC Board of Governors. Mar. 15 is the deadline to nominate yourself or a colleague for one of the following positions:

President Elect: four-year term; serves one year as President-Elect, two years as President, and one year as Past President)
Only present and past members of the FACCC Board of Governors (regional, at-large, or part-time) are eligible to become FACCC President-Elect.

Vice President: two-year term

Secretary: two-year term

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Regional Governor: Region B*, two-year term

Regional Governor: Region C*, two-year term

Part-Time Governor for Northern California: two-year term

* Region B generally covers the Los Angeles District; * Region C is generally the Orange County Area.

For more information on the elections and a detailed listing of regions, go to www.faccc.org and click on FACCC Elections 2004.



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On the mailing panel of this issue of *InFACCC*, you will find your FACCC membership number. This number will serve as your login name for online voting during FACCC elections. Your initial password will be the first four letters of your last name plus your member number. You will, of course, be able to create your own personal password after logging into the system, but your FACCC membership number will always be your login name. If you wish to receive a paper ballot in lieu of voting online, contact FACCC by calling (916) 447-8555, via e-mail at elections@faccc.org, or by fax at (916) 447-0726. Please indicate whether your preference to receive a paper ballot applies to this voting year only or is a permanent designation.

FACCC OFFERS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

March 12, 2004, Rio Hondo College

March 19, 2004, Cosumnes River College

Registration: \$25 for FACCC members; \$59 for nonmembers
Faculty who work and teach outside of the traditional classroom face a wide range of issues that are identical to those of traditional classroom instructors, but many of which are specific to their areas. Counselors, librarians, certificated student health practitioners and program directors as well as others in special programs are directly affected by legislation such as the 50 percent law and proposals to eliminate categorical programs. Share your concerns and find out what's new. For more information and to register, visit www.faccc.org, Professional Development.

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Colleagues,

Propositions 55 and 56 were early priorities for FACCC. Proposition 55, the K-University Facilities Bond Act provides a larger share of revenues to community colleges than to CSU or UC.

Proposition 56 solves one of the most harmful structural problems in state government—the two-thirds threshold for passage of the budget as well as penalties to encourage lawmakers to pass the budget on time. Last year made it very clear how political positioning that delays the budget presents a devastating threat to community colleges.

Remember these FACCC priorities, along with Propositions 57 & 58, on Mar. 2; protect community colleges, their programs, and the faculty who are crucial to the system's success.

—Richard Hansen,
FACCC President
De Anza College

Friends,

As your partner in advancing the causes of California's community colleges these past three decades, I urge you to join me (and to enlist all of your contacts) in campaigning and voting for Propositions 57 and 58 on the March 2 primary ballot.

While this isn't the ideal form of financing, the alternatives are far worse. As worrisome as the governor's proposed budget is, absent these propositions, we'll have to cut another \$5 billion out of his budget.

So, enlist everybody you can, and together, invest in California's future by voting Propositions 57 and 58 into law Mar. 2!

—John Vasconcellos
California State Senator
representing the heart of
Silicon Valley

FACCC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

The following are endorsements from the FACCC Political Action Committee for the state Assembly and Senate primary contests (in open seats only) as well as for propositions. Please check www.faccc.org for updates.

YES on Proposition 55, KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004 (<http://www.2004schoolbond>)

YES on Proposition 56, THE BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (<http://www.budgetaccountabilitynow.org>)

YES on Propositions 57 & 58, THE CALIFORNIA BALANCED BUDGET PACKAGE (<http://www.yes57and58.org>)

Senate Districts

District	Incumbent	FACCC Endorsement
SD 3	Burton*(D)	Midgen (D)
SD 11	Sher*(D)	Simitian (D); Lempert (D) — dual
SD 13	Vasconcellos*(D)	Alquist (D); Diaz (D) — dual
SD 17	Knight*(R)	Runner (R)
SD 27	Karnette*(D)	Lowenthal (D)
SD 31	Brulte*(R)	Dutton (R)
SD 35	Johnson*(R)	Maddox (R)

Assembly Districts

District	Incumbent	FACCC Endorsement
AD 7	Wiggins*(D)	Leddy (D)
AD 9	Steinberg*(D)	Jones(D); Hammond (D) — dual
AD 18	Corbett*(D)	Klehs (D)
AD 20	Dutra*(D)	Torrico** (D); Manayan (D) — dual
AD 21	Simitian (D)	Barton (D); Ruskin (D) — dual
AD 23	Diaz (D)	Coto (D)
AD 29	Samuelian (R)	Briggs** (R)
AD 31	Reyes*(D)	Arambula (D)
AD 47	Wesson* (D)	Bass (D)
AD 53	Nakano* (D)	Gordon (D)
AD 54	Lowenthal*(D)	Karnette (D)
AD 60	R. Pacheco*(R)	G. Pacheco (R)
AD 62	Longville* (D)	Baca (D); Pruitt (D) — dual
AD 63	Dutton (R)	Emmerson (R); Stavros** (R) — dual
AD 68	Maddox (R)	Leyes (R); Tran (R) — dual
AD 69	Correa*(D)	Umberg (D)
AD 70	Campbell (R)	Christich (R)
AD 76	Kehoe (D)	Hall (D); Saldaña** (D) — dual

* *Termed out*

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