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

## GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROPOSES COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING INCREASE

With an estimated \$98.6 billion in revenues and \$98 billion in expenditures, the governor set the fiscal stage for California's 2006-07 budget discussions. Californians' personal income grew by over six percent from last year, a higher rate than that of the rest of the nation. The state's unemployment rate has dropped to the lowest level in four years. Home sales have sharply declined, creating a ripple effect throughout the economy.

Governor Schwarzenegger is proposing an increase in community college funding of approximately \$609 million, raising the community college share of the Proposition 98 split from 10.46 percent to an estimated 10.79 percent.

Highlights of the governor's proposal are as follows:

- \* 3 percent enrollment growth for general apportionment (\$148.8 million)
- \* 5.18 percent general apportionment COLA (\$264.6 million)
- \* 1.74 percent enrollment growth (\$5.1 million) for select categoricals, including Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS); Disabled Student Programs and Services; Matriculation; and Basic Skills. These categoricals will be funded according to their existing allocation, plus COLA and growth.
- \* \$130 million for equalization
- \* \$30 million increase for the expansion of the governor's Career-Technical Initiative (\$20 million is provided in the 2005-06 fiscal year in one-time funds)
- \* \$9.6 million for Disabled Students Programs and Services to support additional sign language interpretive services, as well as equipment for deaf and learning disabled students
- \* \$500,000 increase in the California Partnership for Achieving Student Success program
- \* \$100,000 for Baccalaureate Pilot Programs

The governor proposes to hold student fees constant at \$26 per unit. Additionally, he has not reiterated his call to eliminate the state's contribution to CalSTRS, a staple of his budget proposal from January 2005.

## CCBOG APPROVES REDIRECTED GROWTH FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Community College Board of Governors (CCBOG) agreed to seek legislative approval to redirect unused growth funding in the current fiscal year. Since it's unlikely that the community colleges will hit its targeted three percent growth target for 2005-06, there could be millions leftover, which, without legislative approval, could be lost to the community colleges.

The priority items are as follows (in descending order): 1) part-time faculty health insurance and office hours; 2) non-credit rate enhancement; 3) rural college access; 4) Matriculation; 5) professional development; and 6) full-time faculty hiring.

## PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET SLASHES EDUCATION

President Bush's proposed FY 2007 budget seeks a \$2.1 billion cut in Department of Education sponsored programs, the largest cut to education in the Department's 26-year history. The Administration's proposed budget would freeze the maximum Pell Grant and terminate all funding for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education program, GEAR UP, and two TRIO programs – Upward Bound and Talent Search.

Although the President's budget proposal contains \$850 million for Academic Competitive and National SMART Grants to college students, most California community college students cannot access these funds. They are restricted to full-time students who have taken a rigorous high school curriculum, prescribed by the Secretary of Education.

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## FACCC EDUCATION INSTITUTE PRESENTS 2006 FACCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**October 12 – 14  
Wilshire Grand Hotel  
Los Angeles, CA**

Each year, the FACCC Education Institute works to provide an annual FACCC Conference, bringing together community college faculty from across the state, higher education leaders, state legislators and more for a weekend of networking and learning. This year's conference is sure to continue FACCC's excellence. Register by May 31 to receive early bird rates. Visit [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org) for details and to register online.

FACCC is currently accepting applications for interested presenters. Contact FACCC at (916) 447-8555 or visit us online at [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org), under "Education & Events," to apply.



### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR FACCC AWARDS

Each year, FACCC recognizes faculty members who have shown exemplary dedication to their profession, their students, and their institutions. Nominations for this year's awards will be accepted through May 31. Visit the FACCC Web site at [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org) for details and nomination forms.

FACCC award winners will be honored at the Annual FACCC Conference, October 12 - 14, in Los Angeles.



## FACCC ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service recently granted FACCC's application to change its tax status from 501(c)(5) to 501(c)(6). Although the IRS treats (c)(5) and (c)(6) non-profit organizations in a similar manner, the (c)(5) designation is for labor unions, while the (c)(6) is commonly used for professional associations. Given its role as "the statewide professional membership association that advocates solely for all community college faculty," FACCC is pleased to have its tax status align with its function.

The FACCC Education Institute retains its 501(c)(3) status.

## CALLING ALL FACCTIVISTS TO PROMOTE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE

Your help is urgently needed to qualify the *Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Fee Reduction Act* for the November ballot.

All faculty members are encouraged to do the following:

- 1) Circulate petitions (see [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org) for details)
- 2) Contribute to the campaign (see below)
- 3) Mobilize student volunteers
- 4) Speak about it to friends and family
- 5) Sponsor a resolution of support before your local trustee board, civic or religious organization (see sample resolution at [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org))

**The Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Fee Reduction Act promotes community colleges while protecting the integrity of K-12 funding – and it won't raise taxes.**

This measure would:

- 1) Separate the community college funding mechanism from K-12, allowing each segment to grow at its respective growth rate
- 2) Protect the existence of local governing boards
- 3) Roll back student fees to \$20 per unit, while preventing future spikes

**Have you seen how the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Fee Reduction Act would benefit your district? Check out *Passage of Community College Initiative: Impact by District* at [www.faccc.org](http://www.faccc.org).**

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE

FACCC is confident that the "Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Fee Reduction Act" will pass - but only with your help. Everyone engaged with community colleges should contribute.

Please send contributions to the following:

Californians for Improving Community Colleges\*  
c/o Rix-Bradford Consultants  
512 N Larchmont Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90004

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*\*Contributions to the ballot initiative are not tax deductible; they are an investment in your future.*

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check out the Winter 06 issue of *FACCTS* Journal for news and information regarding the Initiative and its impact on California's community colleges.

