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AB 1402 (Blakeslee) – would enact a guaranteed property tax backfill for community college districts. This measure would provide community colleges with the same funding protections for property tax shortfalls currently enjoyed by the K-12 system. AB 1402 is in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2293 (Nava) – will continue the fight to ensure part-time community college faculty are not wrongly denied their Unemployment Insurance benefits. The measure will allow the Employment Development Department to penalize a community college district for providing incorrect information to the Employment Development Department regarding an applicant's first and last day worked, as well as any flex-time performed. AB 2293 is in the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee.

SB 55 (Lowenthal) – will clarify legislative intent language to specify that representatives of community college organizations are included within the definition of "members of the public," in those who are able to place matters directly related to community college district business on the local board of trustees agenda. The measure is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

FACCC OPPOSES GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEE

FACCC is opposing the Senate confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointee David Crane to the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB), responsible for fiscal oversight of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). The law allows appointed TRB members to serve for one year before Senate confirmation.

Mr. Crane has supported moving public employees from a Defined Benefit (DB) plan to a Defined Contribution (DC) system. As a sitting TRB member, he refused to oppose legislation which would move the CalSTRS DB plan to a hybrid DC plan.

An investment banker by profession, Mr. Crane has been serving as the governor's special economic advisor. In a surprise move, he offered to resign his post in the Administration in an effort to win confirmation on the TRB.

Noting the considerable controversy and press coverage behind Crane's appointment, the Senate Rules Committee has twice postponed a confirmation vote.

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InFACCC is a members-only newsletter of FACCC, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Inc. FACCC is a nonprofit, professional organization that promotes unity and professionalism among California Community College faculty, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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LEGISLATURE DELIBERATES 2006-07 BUDGET

With \$7 billion in unexpected revenues, the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee is expected to complete its work on the 2006-07 budget in a relatively short period of time. On community colleges, the Assembly funded \$80 million to lower student fees from \$26 to \$20 per unit. The Senate left fees at \$26 per unit, while funding equalization at \$159.4 million. FACCC is advocating for a higher share of the Prop 98 split to allow for reduced fees and increased equalization.

This year's budget conferees are: Assembly Members John Laird (D – Santa Cruz), Judy Chu (D – Monterey Park), and Rick Keene (R – Chico); and Senators Wes Chesbro (D – Arcata), Denise Ducheny (D – San Diego), and Dennis Hollingsworth (R – Murrieta).

The following charts highlight the ongoing and one-time community college spending proposals of the Administration, Senate and Assembly leading up to the Budget Conference Committee.

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California Community Colleges Ongoing Proposition 98 Funds (dollars in thousands):

	Administration	Senate	Assembly
Enrollment Growth	146,258	97,508	97,508
Equalization	130,000	159,438	80,000
Noncredit "career and college preparation"	0	30,000	30,000
California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) remediation	10,000	10,000	10,000
Enrollment fee revenue backfill	0	0	80,000
Matriculation	95,481	95,481	101,481
Part-time faculty health insurance	1,000	1,000	6,000
Part-time faculty office hours	7,172	7,172	11,172
Electronic transcript exchange	0	0	700
Physical plant and instructional support	56,876	54,176	56,876
Career technical education	50,000	50,000	20,000
Improve nursing retention/success	0	8,000	0
Nursing stipends	1,500	1,500	0
Professional development (faculty and staff)			5,000
Special services; CalWORKS students	34,580	43,580	43,580
Other items; not in conference	5,353,478	5,353,478	5,353,478

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One-time Funds (dollars in thousands):

	Administration	Senate	Assembly
General purpose block grant	100,000	100,000	97,600
Deferred maintenance/instr. materials	100,000	93,900	99,400
Career technical equipment/renovations	40,000	40,000	40,000
Mandates	15,000	15,000	15,000
High speed network last-mile connection	500	1,446	1,446
Part-time faculty office hours	0	4,000	0
Part-time faculty health insurance	0	5,000	0
Set-aside related to changing funding formula	23,600	19,710	19,710
CCC Strategic Plan implementation/research	0	0	500
Nursing registries: clinical and faculty	500	500	500
Nursing faculty stipends	0	0	5,400
Total one-time funds	279,600	279,556	279,556
Change from Governor		(44)	(44)

FACCC ELECTIONS RESULTS

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Special thanks to all FACCC members who voted in this year's election!

MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BONDS SET FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

This November, the voters will have an opportunity to approve \$37.33 billion in infrastructure bonds covering education, transportation, housing and flood control. The education facilities bond is \$10.42 billion, with \$7.329 billion for K-12, and \$3.087 for higher education.

Throughout the process, FACCC lobbied to secure a higher percentage share of the bond for community colleges, compared to the University of California or the California State University, because the community colleges educate a much higher number of students. The bonds will provide community colleges with \$1.507 billion, CSU with \$690 million, and UC with \$890 million (\$200 million is reserved for telemedicine).

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