

AB 1705 Advocacy Training: The Policy Path to Reclaiming Student Agency and Equitable Access

The Legislative Landscape: An Overview

2012

SB 1456 (Lowenthal) **Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act**

2017

AB 705 (Irwin)

Student/faculty driven!

Reduced lengthy

remedial pathways

Required a pathway to

complete transfer- level

math and English courses within a year

Orientation

Assessment via Accuplacer

Matriculation

2018-2021

Title 5 § 55522

Limited stand-alone remedial courses

Development of co-requisite support

> **Development of** alternative pathways:

Stats Liberal Arts Math 2022

AB 1705 (Irwin)

Maximize probability that students enter and complete transfer-level math and English courses within a year

2022

CCCCO Guidance

Elimination of stand-alone pre-transfer courses

Likely elimination of precalculus for STEM majors

STEM Pathway: New Guidance

These placement rules pertain only to students who require STEM Calculus 1 for their program or major. In addition to corequisite support courses for Calculus and innovative courses that colleges are developing, colleges *may* use existing transfer-level courses prior to Calculus using the following matrix. Additionally, STEM students who also need Statistics for their program or major continue to be allowed to begin in that course.

STEM Calculus Pathway Placement	Placement and Enrollment in the STEM Calculus Pathway for STEM Students in Majors that Require STEM Calculus 1		
Student successfully completed or demonstrated through CPL:	By July 1, 2025, students pursuing STEM programs <i>must be given access to</i>		
Integrated Math 4, Trigonometry, Precalculus, or equivalent	STEM calculus (with or without concurrent support). Students cannot be denied access to STEM Calculus 1 after July 1, 2025.		
Student successfully completed or demonstrated through CPL: Integrated Math 3 or Intermediate Algebra or equivalent	The college may enroll the student in a one semester course prior to Calculus (typically Pre-Calculus) or in Calculus, with or without concurrent support. If such students begin in a prior to Calculus course and successfully complete it, their next course is STEM Calculus 1. Enrollment in the course prior to Calculus should be restricted to students who have not successfully completed Integrated Math 4, Trigonometry, Precalculus, or equivalent.		
Student did not successfully complete or demonstrate through CPL: Intermediate Algebra, Integrated Math 3 or equivalent	The college may enroll the student in a two-semester sequence at transfer-level prior to Calculus, with or without concurrent support. Enrollment in the first course in the two-semesters prior to Calculus should be restricted to students who have not successfully completed Intermediate Algebra, Integrated Math 3 or equivalent.		





Student Agency and Equitable Access



Standalone Pre-Transfer Course Access

"FACCC seeks to enact legislation clarifying that California Community Colleges students can enroll in (and California Community Colleges can offer) standalone foundational pre-transfer courses to promote student agency and equitable access."

- Allow students to <u>enroll</u> in courses that meet them where they are at
- No proposed modification of AB 705 <u>placement</u>: we don't want long remedial pathways back
- We need to make sure students have options
- Collect full comprehensive data to show the full picture, unlike what we have right now





Building a Coalition



The Legislature's Vantage Point

SUPPORT

Blu Educational Foundation

California Acceleration Project

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers

California Competes

California Edge Coalition

Californians Together

Campaign for College Opportunity

Career Ladders Project

Central Valley Higher Education Consortium

Cerritos College

Community College Highered Access, Leadership, and Equity Scholarship

OPPOSITION

Mt. San Antonio College Faculty Association of California Community Colleges One individual Complete College America

Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE)

Genup

Growing Inland Achievement

Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)

Improve Your Tomorrow, INC.

Just Equations

Office of Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis

Pasadena Area Community College District

Pasadena City College

Promesa Boyle Heights

Public Advocates

Public Advocates INC.

Southern California College Attainment Network

Student Senate for California Community Colleges

Students Making a Change (SMAC)

The Education Trust-West

The Institute for College Access & Success

Uaspire

UC Student Association

Unidosus

United Way of Greater Los Angeles

USC Race and Equity Center

Young Invincibles

Community Organizing: Mobilizing Faculty and Students



The Power of the People

If students and faculty from all community colleges organize and speak with their legislators about their experiences and out-advocate the special interest groups...

We can use our power to make our voices heard.

Students and faculty are the experts.

They may have money, but we have people power-let's use it!

- The Legislature is in office because we elected them! It is their job to listen to us
- Don't be timid or awestruck
 – they're people too
- You have every right to be upset about how this has impacted students. But don't bring your anger to the legislative meeting- bring facts!
- To be an effective advocate you have to win them over, and you can. "First date", not an argument!
 - Keep their POV in mind. To change their view we have to create an environment where they trust us and our perspectives



Framing the Argument

• Compliment sandwich approach: If you want to be listened to, sandwich criticisms between compliments on progress.

"We appreciate your listening ear and willingness to collaborate"

"This model is helping many students pass through transfer level courses quicker"

"The lengthy remedial pathways pre-705 didn't work, and we don't want to go back"

Be specific and focused in your criticisms, and provide solutions.

"I know your office cares about closing equity gaps for marginalized students, and we need some flexibility in enrollment for that to happen"

"The issue was with implementation within the system, not the legislation itself. The carve-outs created in the original bill have not been honored by guidance memos"

"This is working for many students, which is great! We just need some more options for those who are withdrawing and failing transfer level classes"



The Power of the People

Step 1: Connect with your legislator

- Locate Legislator's website
- Locate the district office on the website
- Find and utilize the contact portal. It's their job to meet with constituents!
- Sign up for their email list and press releases
- Attend local events to make a connection with your representative
- Look into issues they're interested on their website! This will help you connect with them more personally.

Step 2: Build the relationship and establish trust

Step 3: Speak about this issue

Step 4: Follow up!



Who are your representatives?

To search by your home address for your legislative representatives, please scan the QR code below.

How about your college's address?







How to have an effective meeting

- 1. Introduce yourselves
- 2. Make a connection
- 3. Share some context
- 4. Share your story
- 5. Have an "ask"
- 6. Leave something tangible
- 7. Follow up with a thank you!
- 8. Build the relationship



"There are two ways to share knowledge. You can push information out. You can pull them in with a story."



Call to Action:



Moving forward

- 1. Complete the survey
- 2. With your SBA's, start drafting a resolution in support of the FACCC bill
- 3. Start gathering student and alumni testimonials
- Share the Institutional Research template with your campus and gather data
- 5. Meet with legislators and showcase your student testimonials, SBA resolutions and IR data

Start having a wider conversation about this issue:

- Reach out to friends at different community colleges and universities
- Provide public comment at your student government meetings





Institutional Researchers: Template

Data on Students' First Attempts at Transfer-Level Math

All Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%
Latinx Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%
Black Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%
Asian/Pacific Islander Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%

Percent withdrawing after census

College:

Native American Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022	
Percent passing	%	%	%	
Percent failing	%	%	%	
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%	
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	
White Students	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022	

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Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Students Age 21 to 30	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Students Age 31 to 40	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Students Over Age 40	Fall 2018	Fall 2020	Fall 2022
Percent passing	%	%	%
Percent failing	%	%	%
Percent dropping before census	%	%	%
Percent withdrawing after census	%	%	%
Total	100%	100%	100%





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FACCC Membership



