GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE
Cerritos Board of Trustees Study Session

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
Study Session

- Creating an Advocacy Strategy
- Budget Advocacy
- Pension Update & Options
- Sponsored Legislation & Advocacy
- Legislation
Advocacy Strategy
• Role and influence of governor and Legislature over community colleges have increased with Proposition 13 and Proposition 98.
• Bulk of community college funding comes through the state budget process.
• Legislature sets policy for California Community Colleges.
Importance of Advocacy:

– Every year policymakers make decisions directly impacting your students and college.

– Legislators look to local colleges to provide direction on major policy decisions.

– Local advocacy provides context to decisions made in Sacramento.
Three Areas of Advocacy

- State Budget
- State Legislation
- Federal Issues
League Advocacy Timeline

By January 10th of each year, the Governor released the state budget proposal.

Governor’s Budget

January

Annual federal advocacy trip to Washington, DC.

National Legislative Summit

Budget Committee Hearings
Assembly and Senate begin hearings with public testimony on the proposed budget.

February

March

April

May

Governor releases updated budget proposal based on new revenue and political dynamics.

Governor’s May Revision

Bill Hearings in First House
Hearings on proposed bills begin. Bills have until the end of month to pass out of policy committees.
League Advocacy Timeline

**Budget Deadline**
Constitutional deadline to pass budget – Legislators do not receive pay if the budget does not pass.

**June**
- Policy committee hearings intensify. Committees take letters and public testimony.

**July**
- Bill Hearings in Second Chamber

**August**
- Fiscal Committees
  Bills are amended to address costs. If bills are too expensive, they stay on “Suspense” and often die.

**Sept.**
- End of Session
  The Legislature concludes the nine-month legislative session. Most bills that pass will go into effect on January 1st.

**October**
- League begins planning for next session. Research bill ideas and propose budget augmentations.

**Research on Next Year’s Budget & Bill Priorities**

Community College League of California • Office of Government Relations
League Role in the Era of Reform

- Policy Analysis and Information Sharing
- Professional Development
- Direct Communication with State Leaders
- Regional Engagement of Colleges
- Increased Digital Communication
Taking Positions on Bills

• Committees of Interest
  – Assembly Higher Education
  – Senate Education
  – Appropriations

• Draft Letters to Committee
  – Due two weeks before the Hearing
  – Addressed to the Committee Chair
  – Upload online to Committee Staff
  – cc Legislators on the Committee and the League
Use of District Resources to Support or Oppose Ballot Measures

• District/College may NOT use staff, equipment, and supplies to generate promotional materials on behalf of ballot measures which have qualified for the ballot.
• District/College MAY analyze the effects of ballot measures which have qualified for the ballot.
• District/College MAY make available on request the results of its objective evaluation of a ballot measure’s impact.
• District/College may NOT contribute to ballot measures.
• Foundations, Alumni Associations MAY contribute to ballot measures.
Legislative Resources

- Call the League!
- Check Our Website
- Sign-up for our Website
- Participate in Monthly Webinar
- Schedule Quarterly Update
Budget Advocacy
Where does a college’s money come from?

FUNDING SOURCE
- Federal: 1%
- State: 56%
- Local: 43%
April Revenues

• April is a big month, not just because it’s #CCmonth, but because budget watchers monitor revenue collections to compare how actual resources are tracking with estimates.
• For the first nine months of the fiscal year, cash was $2.22 billion below the 2019-20 Governor’s Budget forecast of $93.741 billion.
• However, April PIT is coming in strong.
• As of April 17th, corporation tax collections are almost $3 billion, ahead of the April projection.

Budget Strategy

NONETHELESS...

• Colleges are in limbo with regards to local property taxes and current FY Prop 98 revenues.
• We need an automatic property tax backfill (a benefit K-12 has).
• Our request is Base plus ongoing COLA – fund stability/ hold harmless
League Budget Letter

• Provide Colleges with Funding Protections Afforded to K-12 Education
• Adopt Sensible Modifications to the Student-Centered Funding Formula
• Fund All Projects in 2019-20 Capital Outlay Plan
• Protect and Strengthen College Infrastructure & Learning Resources
• Financial Aid that Equitably Serves Community College Students
• Technical Adjustments
Governor’s Proposal

- **Tuition Waivers:** Proposes an allocation of $40 million for local College Promise programs.
- Includes resources to fund a second year of free tuition to first-time full-time students with incomes above the California College Promise Grant thresholds.
- Provides districts with the flexibility to cover students’ essential non-tuition costs.

Free Tuition

**AB 2 (Santiago)** This bill expands the California College Promise, established by AB 19 (Santiago), Statutes of 2017, to waive fees for up to two academic years for full-time community college students.

*Estimated cost of $177 million ongoing from Prop 98.*
Cost of Living Adjustments between CCC and Statutory are mostly in lock step with the exception of the period between 2008-2013 when there were no adjustments for CCC. The cumulative effect of these discrepancies results in a nearly 20% difference over this timeframe.
Facilities Update
Facilities Advocacy:

• By not fully funding approved projects, the state government is ignoring the voters will.

• The longer we wait, the more expensive these projects will get.

• The League worked with Senator Jerry Hill to coordinate a Legislator letter to Governor Newsom

• Working with Assemblymember O’Donnell on AB 48 for a K-14 2020 bond.
Supporting Colleges in advocacy to secure Prop 51 dollars as state matching funds.

Cerritos Health Science Building Modernization is a great example:

- California community college students need and deserve to have high quality classrooms, CTE buildings and other facilities to be academically successful.
Pensions Update

STRS/PERS rate increases through 2025-26:

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# Proposed CalPERS Rate Changes

**CalPERS Employer Contribution Rates**

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**As of: April 16, 2019**
Sponsored Legislation
The League is partnering with Assemblymember Limon and the Chancellor’s Office to pass Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 31 declaring April California Community Colleges Month!

- This is an exciting opportunity to highlight the public and economic value of our colleges.

- The resolution received unanimous support on the Assembly floor vote on April 11th.
League Priority: Financial Aid Reform

• The true financial barriers for college students are living costs such as housing, rent, or transportation.

• Despite comprising 2/3 of higher education students in CA, CCC students receive less than 10% of Cal Grant funds.

SB 291 (Leyva): CCC Financial Aid Program

• All California Community College students with financial need should be eligible to receive financial aid—regardless of their age or time out of high school.

• A student’s financial aid should be linked to the total cost of attendance—not just tuition and fees, but also housing, food, transportation, and supplies.

• SB 291 would provide community college students with a new grant that is linked to the cost of attendance.

• Request for 2019-20 is $250 million General Fund

_Sponsored by the Board of Governors for CCC Co-Sponsored by the League_
AB 612 (Weber): Increasing Access to CalFresh/Food Aid

- Sponsored by the League and Cerritos College

- Would authorize the State Department of Social Services to enter into an MOU with the Chancellor’s Office to permit colleges to process EBT cards.

- Reduce red tape colleges through to bring access to Cal Fresh on campus.

- Based on recommendations and information gathered by the League’s Affordability, Food and Housing Taskforce.

- Part of an attempt to destigmatize Cal Fresh by rebranding it as financial aid.
AB 30 (Holden): Protect Access to Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment programs are proven to increase student success and equity.

- Extends the sunset on CCAP.
- Includes continuation high schools.
- Streamlines the process for developing partnerships between districts.
- Streamlines the dual enrollment application.
- CCCC CO is requesting an amendment to move the report date back to 2021.
Bills of Interest
AB 48 (O’Donnell) K-14 Facilities Bond, 2020

• Would put on the March or November 2020 ballot a K-14 facilities bond.

• Would include parameters on when the Administration must release bond dollars.

• Would prevent setting some parameters for the facilities scoring metrics.
AB 1153 (Wicks) Childhood Abuse Training Act

Would require each governing board of a community college district to:

(1) Annually train, using the online training module developed by CDE, employees and administrators of the district who are mandated reporters on the mandated reporting requirements.

(2) Develop a process for those persons required to receive training under the bill to provide proof of completing this training within the first 6 weeks of each academic year or within 6 weeks of that person’s employment.

(3) Develop a process to identify the students who are minors enrolled in classes at the community college district and provide that information only to faculty members and other employees who are mandated reporters.
SB 493 (Jackson) Title IX Investigations

Would require an institution of higher education to comply with requirements to protect students from sexual assault and to provide students with procedural protections relating to complaints of sexual harassment.

Specifically each college will be required to:

1. Disseminate a notice of nondiscrimination to each employee and volunteer.
2. Designate at least one employee to act as a gender equity officer.
3. Adopt rules and procedures for the prevention of sexual harassment.
4. Adopt and publish on its internet website grievance procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints.
SB 493 (Jackson) Title IX Investigations (Cont)

5. Publish on the institution’s website the name, title, and contact information for the gender equity officer and any individual official with the authority to investigate complaints or to institute corrective measures.

6. Include specified training to each employee engaged in the grievance procedure.

7. Include annual trauma-informed training for resident life student and nonstudent staff for handling reports regarding incidents of sexual harassment or assault at an institution with on-campus housing.

8. Adopt and publish on the institution’s internet website investigation procedures for student sexual harassment complaints.
SB 493 (Jackson) Title IX Investigations (Cont)

Discussion Points:
• Reaction to the rescission of the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter

• Could put California’s colleges in conflict with new federal regulations governing investigations.

• Provides a private right of action if an individual feels his or her rights provided in SB 493 (Jackson) are violated.
Bills of Interest

Affordability:

AB 302 (Berman): Homeless Students and Parking Lots
Would require community colleges to open up parking lots overnight for homeless students to sleep in. Permits colleges to make policies and procedures relating to the safety and sanitation needs of those students.

The League estimates statewide annual cost at $68,879,328.
Bills of Interest

Funding Rates:

**AB 720 (Muratsuchi)** Would require courses offered by CCCs to public safety agencies via Instructional Service Agreements (ISAs) be funded at the CDCP rate outside the SCFF.

Redevelopment Agencies:

**AB 11 (Chiu)** Would allow cities and counties to create agencies that would use tax increment financing to fund affordable housing and infrastructure projects. This bill takes a similar approach used by the redevelopment agencies (RDAs) that were dissolved during the Great Recession.
Free Tuition:

**AB 2 (Santiago)** This bill expands the California College Promise, established by AB 19 (Santiago), Statutes of 2017, to waive fees for up to two academic years for full-time community college students.

Employee Relations:

**AB 897 (Medina)** Would increase the teaching threshold in which a faculty member could teach without receiving full time benefits from 67% to 85% and reopen the discussion around rehire for those faculty members.
Bills of Interest

Nursing Programs: Attempts to address clinical displacements.

**AB 1364 (Rubio)**  Removes Board of Registered Nursing oversight over nursing programs that are nationally accredited and have a nursing exam passage rate of over 80%.

**Staff Recommendation:** Oppose

**SB 700 (Roth)**  Spot bill related to drive a stakeholder consultative process on a governance structure.

**Staff Recommendation:** Continue to work with the author.
Faculty Obligation Number:

SB 777 (Rubio) Mandate that colleges increase their full time faculty numbers by 10% of the difference between 75% and the percent of their classes taught by full time faculty a year until they reach the 75/25 goal.

Example: If a 55% of courses are taught by full time faculty, the difference between 75% and 55% is 20. 10% of 20 is 2, thus this college would be required to increase its faculty hiring by 2%.
Bills of Interest

Coordinating Body:

• Two bills introduced, **AB 130 (Low) and SB 3 (Allen)**, would reestablish a body focused on coordination and accountability of the state’s higher education systems.

• A report by PPIC states that in order for it to be successful, the Legislature and Governor would need the entity to:
  – Operate independently by providing objective information on issues and develop options for resolving them
  – Work on important tasks such as helping lawmakers update the Master Plan for Higher Education and managing the state’s longitudinal database
  – Ensure the appointment process is designed so that the members can work toward a common perspective
Key Events

- League Legislative Conference
  → Last week in January

- National Legislative Summit
  → Second week in February

- Annual Trustees Conference
  → First weekend in May

- Annual Convention
  → Mid-November
Stay Connected

• Track Bills on the League website: www.ccleague.org

• Sign-up of the League’s monthly GR newsletter

• Catch the League’s monthly Legislative Webinars
Thank You

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