



**Academic Senate  
for California Community Colleges**

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**Legislative and Advocacy Committee**

May 12, 2021

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Adrienne Brown, Stephanie Curry (2<sup>nd</sup>), Geoffrey Dyer, Christopher Howerton, Ginni May (chair), Eric Wada

1. Welcome: Brief check-ins
2. Minutes: Taken by Eric
3. Approval of Agenda: Approved by consent
4. Approval of Minutes  
All past minutes have been approved.
5. Announcements
  - [State Auditor's Report on Calbright](#), May 2021
  - Executive Committee Elections update
6. California Legislation and Budget Update – See agenda item IV.A in the Executive Committee April Meeting agenda [here](#).
  - [AB 417 \(McCarty\)](#) – Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students. [S21 6.02 Support] – *suspense*
  - [AB 421 \(Ward\)](#) – Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses. [S21 6.03 Support] – *suspense*
  - [AB 927 \(Medina\)](#) – Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program. [S21 6.06 Support] – *suspense*
  - [AB 928 \(Berman\)](#) – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee. [S21 6.07 Oppose] – *appropriations*
  - [AB 1040 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) – Community colleges: ethnic studies. – *suspense*
  - [AB 1111 \(Berman\)](#) – Postsecondary education: common course numbering system. [S21 6.08 Oppose] – *suspense*
  - [AB 1432 \(Low\)](#) – The California Online Community College. – *passed assembly and in senate*
  - [AB 1456 \(Medina\)](#) – Student financial aid: Cal Grant Reform Act. – *suspense*
  - AB 703 (Blanca-Rubio) – Remote participation for public meetings – may be of interest to local Senates.
7. Review LAC work for 2020-21. The committee reviewed the End of Year Report.

8. **Events** and Important Dates (*Events in spring 2021 are virtual*)
  - 2021 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 16-18
  - 2021 Curriculum Institute, July 7-9

9. Adjourn

### **Status of Previous Action Items**

**A. In Progress** (include details about pending items such as resolutions, papers, *Rostrums*, etc.)

**B. Completed** (include a list of those items that have been completed as a way to build the end of year report).

- Reviewed and revised LAC charge – approved by the Executive Committee April 2021
- *Legislation and Curriculum: Maintaining the Faculty Voice*; November 2020 Rostrum; Legislative Advocacy Committee
- *Revisiting the 50% Law: Its Intent and Its Future*; February 2021 Rostrum; Curry, Howerton, Litzky
- Legislative and Advocacy Day 2021
- *Legislation for 2021: Full Steam Ahead*; April 2021 Rostrum; Brown, May, Wada
- *Cal Grant Modernization and the True Cost of College*; April 2021 Rostrum; Curry, Dyer, May
- *Letter to ASCCC Legislative Liaisons*, January 2021

- F17 7.06 [Access to Noncredit Courses for Undocumented Students](#)

The committee reviewed the title 5 section 58003.3 and its 2018 amendment which has addressed the concern in the resolution.

- S18 5.01 [Funding for Apprenticeship Courses](#)

Committee reviewed resolution and 1<sup>st</sup> resolve on Montoya Funds (recommendation to augment) and 2<sup>nd</sup> resolve have been completed

- S19 7.05 [Explore Allowing Refunds Beyond Regulatory Deadline](#)

Committee determined that the resolution has been addressed through Spring 2020 Professional Development Webinars with impact of COVID-19 and Executive Orders which included discussion of student fees.

- F17 7.02 [Identify and Remove Barriers to Offering Noncredit Distance Education Courses](#)

Geoffrey Dyer reviewed this and it is consistent with 58003.1 and 58009(c). There is a group working on the attendance accounting manual. Committee may look at how the COVID-19 pandemic changes may impact this resolution in the future.

### **Committee Priorities – Tracking Resolutions and other Assignments**

- **F20 20.01** The Role of Student Employees in Advancing Faculty Diversification – also assigned to the Relations with Local Senates Committee

Resolved statement for LAC to address:

*Resolved, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to include as a priority in the next system budget proposal special funding to provide professional growth activities for peer mentors and tutors, particularly students of color and students underrepresented in particular disciplines, who are pursuing a career pathway as a community college faculty member.*

Since Legislative Priorities for 2021 had already been determined at the passing of this resolution, the 2021-22 Legislative and Advocacy Committee will include this in their recommendations to the ASCCC Executive Committee on Legislative Priorities for 2022.

### **Legislative Information**

Links:

- California Legislative Information Home page: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>
- ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee page: <https://asccc.org/directory/legislative-and-advocacy-committee>
- Item IV.A on ASCCC Executive Committee meeting agendas: [https://asccc.org/executive\\_committee/meetings](https://asccc.org/executive_committee/meetings)

The 2021-22 (two-year) Regular Session convened for Organizational Session at 12 noon on December 7, 2020.

Useful Websites:

CA Assembly members: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>

CA Senators: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/senators>

California Legislative Information: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO): <https://lao.ca.gov>

California Department of Finance: <http://www.dof.ca.gov>

Glossary of Terms: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/glossaryTemplate.xhtml>

New Laws Report: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/newLawTemplate.xhtml>