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Greetings Legislative Liaisons!

We hope this email finds you well, although busy, no doubt.

The first year of the 2021-22 Legislative two-year cycle wrapped up in October. In this letter, you will find information on:

- Your role as a Legislative Liaison;
- The ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee;
- The ASCCC Legislative Priorities for the 2022 calendar year; and
- Legislative and Advocacy Webinars in partnership with the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC)

If you have additional questions, please email info@asccc.org.

Your Role as a Legislative Liaison

Each local academic senate may establish a legislative liaison as single faculty member or a faculty member serving as a contact representing a group of faculty dependent upon what works best for the local academic senate and faculty. Some of the responsibilities for consideration are listed below. It should be noted that these are just suggestions and should be determined by the local academic senate.

- Attend local academic senate meetings and report regularly or as requested about legislation and legislative issues
- Facilitate or act as a resource for local discussions of legislation and contemplated legislation
- Identify legislation issues of particular local concern and convey those to the Legislative and Advocacy Committee
- Communicate opportunities and, at times, the urgent need for faculty participation in legislative activities
- Collaborate with local senate officers to create and or improve a mechanism for the most effective communication with faculty on campus about legislative issues of common concern
- Serve as a conduit between the local faculty and the Legislative and Advocacy Committee representatives in the area
- As funding permits, attend state-level events and meetings (ASCCC, FACCC), participate in panels or make presentations as appropriate
- Monitor the [Legislative Updates webpage](#); look for communication from the legislative listserv (legliaison@listserv.cccnext.net) and report to your local academic senate as determined to be appropriate in collaboration with local academic senate officers, faculty at large on campus
- Work with local student organizations and advocacy groups to help them with their efforts as well as encourage them to join in efforts led by others.

ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee

The Legislative and Advocacy Committee (LAC) is responsible for providing the ASCCC President with background information on all legislation related to academic and professional matters. Using equity-minded, inclusive research and analysis through a student-centered lens, the LAC will provide the ASCCC President and the Executive Committee with recommendations on such legislation. The LAC identifies existing ASCCC positions and relates them to proposed legislation. The LAC is also responsible for providing legislative alerts to the local academic senates, identifying liaison persons to contact legislators, and providing support to local academic senates regarding California's legislative process as it has bearing on academic and professional matters. It is the goal of the LAC to provide the ASCCC President and the Executive Committee with the resources to ensure that the ASCCC is recognized as the voice of authority with the California Legislature, Legislative Analyst's Office, Department of Finance, and Governor's Office in the areas of academic and professional matters.

The LAC in consultation with the ASCCC President plans and participates in advocacy training and in the annual ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Day.

Members for 2021-22:

- Ginni May, Chair and ASCCC Vice President
- Christopher Howerton, ASCCC North Representative
- Kathleen Bruce, San Joaquin Delta College
- Ric Epps, Imperial Valley College
- Maria Figueroa, MiraCosta College
- Jeffrey Hernandez, East Los Angeles College
- June Yang, Grossmont College

The LAC also has legislative liaisons from the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) and the Student Senate for the California Community Colleges (SSCCC).

Meeting Minutes may be found [here](#) or by going to the ASCCC website and clicking on "COMMUNITIES", then "Committees And Task Forces" and then scroll down the page to Legislative and Advocacy Committee: <https://asccc.org/directory/legislative-and-advocacy-committee>.

ASCCC Legislative Reports may be found in two places:

- [here](#) or <https://asccc.org/legislative-updates> and scrolling to the bottom of the page; or
- [here](#) or item IV.A on the ASCCC Executive Committee agendas: https://asccc.org/executive_committee/meetings

ASCCC Legislative Priorities

(Approved by the ASCCC Executive Committee 10-6-2021)

1. **Equitable Access to Technology** – professional development for technology; equity online (for faculty and students)
2. **Expand Transfer Opportunities** – role of practitioners: development, evaluation, design, processes, more space in transfer institutions

Legislative Information

Useful Websites:

CA Assemblymembers: <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>

Links to Statewide Partner Positions on Legislation

- [ASCCC Legislative Positions](#)
- [FACCC Legislative Positions](#)
- [CFT Legislative Updates](#)
- [CCA Legislation and Political Action](#)
- [CCCCO Tracked Legislation](#)
- [CCLC Legislative Actions](#)

Legislative and Advocacy Webinars

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) and [Faculty Association of California Community Colleges](#) (FACCC) are longtime partners in advocating for faculty and students in matters such as curriculum and instruction. With the increase in legislation regarding academic and professional matters and to better prepare faculty for the next legislative session as advocates, the ASCCC and FACCC are partnering on a series of webinars to help inform and empower faculty on their roles for advocacy at the local and state levels. These webinars will be led by ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee Chair and FACCC President.

Currently, these webinars are planned for the following Tuesdays in 2022, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm:

- January 18,
- February 22,
- March 22,
- April 26, and
- May 24

You can also join the **FACCC Advocates List-serve** by sending email to:

- FACCCadvocates+subscribe@googlegroups.com

You will receive an automatic email, follow link, click join

In closing...

If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact us at info@asccc.org.

Sincerely,

The ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee