

California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C) and Legislation update

Legislation Update

March 12, 2019 was ASCCC Legislation day. The ASCCC Legislative group focused on 3 talking points.

- 1) Increase diversity of faculty by allocating significant additional funding. The specific request is for \$15M in one time funding to establish a pilot program to 'grow –our-own' future faculty from the ranks of our current students.
- 2) Since last year's budget included a grant to ASCCC for the creation of an Open Education Resources Initiative (OERI), the current ask is to provide additional funding to support professional development focused on making online courses and materials accessible. It is suggested that since this would include courses in the Online Educational Initiative California Virtual Campus (OEI-CVC), perhaps some of their unspent \$100M could be used for this purpose.
- 3) The following changes to the Student Centered Funding Formula were recommended.
 - a. Level the point system for associate degree awards so that all educational goals and achievements of comparable unit value are counted equally
 - b. Award colleges only one per year per student for the highest award achieved
 - c. Keep the performance metrics portion set at 10% of the total allocation

Lastly, Legislators were thanked for supporting last year's budget which provided permanent funding for C-ID, funding around OER, and monies to increase the ASCC budget.

Bills to note:

- Financial Aid: SB296, SB 291 (ASCCC supports)
- Cal grants: AB244, AB151 (ASCCC supports)
- Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability, and Performance (CPEC): SB2/SB3- a hot topic (ASCCC supports if amended)
- AB 1786: Credit for prior learning: establish an initiative by 3/31/19)
- SB 1071 (Roth) California Community Colleges: credit for prior military education policy must be in effect by 9/1/19

5C update

Most notably, the Board of Governors approved the changes to Title 5 on 3/18/19. These changes aligned the language from AB705 with Title 5. The group is also working on changes to the CB codes and additional Title 5 changes to reflect the most recent legislation for credit for prior learning.

Respectfully submitted,

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