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**Legislative and Advocacy Committee**

September 16, 2020

11:00 am-12:00 noon

**MINUTES**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am
2. Agenda: The committee approved the agenda by consensus
3. Minutes: The committee approved the previous meeting minutes by consensus
4. Announcements:
  - a. Leg Advocacy Day-  
LAC Committee is responsible for planning and setting up Legislative Advocacy Day in the Spring (February). Day will most likely be virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic. Training will be provided and teams created for visits. ASCCC usually partners with FACCC for the training.
  - b. The ASCCC will consider the recommended legislative priorities and resolutions from this committee during the September 17-19 Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee will review the recommendations for the resolutions proposed by the LAC Committee and take action on whether or not to send to the Area meetings and ultimately the plenary session for debate and voting.
  - c. Ginni serves as the ASCCC liaison to the Faculty Association for California Community Colleges (FACCC). At FACCC's board meeting last week, FACCC approved their legislative priorities. Ginni will facilitate conversations with the FACCC Legislative and Advocacy Chair to discuss common legislative priorities. One of FACCC's priorities is possible legislation to reboot AB 1725 with a goal of strengthening governance and academic freedom. This is something to watch.
5. Rostrum Articles by the Committee for Consideration
  - a. Why curriculum should reside in Title 5 and not in Education Code
    - i. Discussed the interest in writing this article. Topic aligns with proposed resolution submitted by this committee. Geoffrey, Ginni and Christopher will start draft in Google Drive and committee members can add material for the Rostrum with a deadline of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - ii. This Rostrum article will be by the entire committee.
  - b. Committee will discuss future Rostrum topics as they come up during the year.

6. Committee Priorities –

The committee reviewed the current committee priorities.

- a. F17 7.02 [Identify and Remove Barriers to Offering Noncredit Distance Education Courses](#)
  - Geoffrey will review the Federal Regulation Language around Distance Education opened in April to see if new definitions and regulations will support noncredit goals.
  - Geoffrey will summarize potential impact to noncredit programs/courses and send it to Ginni.
  - Committee will also look at how the COVID-19 pandemic changes may impact this resolution
- b. 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.
- c. S18 5.01 [Funding for Apprenticeship Courses](#)
  - Committee reviewed resolution and 1<sup>st</sup> resolve on Montoya Funds (recommendation to augment) which has been completed
  - Ginni will contact the resolution contact to see if the second resolve has been addressed.
- d. S19 7.05 [Explore Allowing Refunds Beyond Regulatory Deadline](#)
  - Committee may review this topic for potential rostrum article.
  - Committee discussed resolution being addressed through Spring 2020 Professional Development Webinars with impact of COVID-19 and Executive Orders which included discussion of student fees.

7. [Events](#) and Important Dates (*Events in fall 2020 are virtual*)

The committee reviewed the upcoming ASCCC events

- a. Executive Committee Meeting, September 17-19
- b. 2020 Academic Academy, October 8-9
- c. 2020 Fall Plenary Session, November 5-7

8. The committee reviewed the Legislative Information Update (9/15/2020) (see below)

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 pm

### **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>
- [ASCCC Legislative Report to the Executive Committee](#), September 17, 2020

Remaining days for the 2020 Calendar:

- August 31, 2020: Last day for each house to pass bills.
- September 30, 2020: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature before September 1, and in the Governor's possession on or after September 1

- October 1, 2020: Bills enacted on or before this date go into effect January 1, 2021

The 2021-22 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon on December 7, 2020.

Bills for 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> year of the two-year cycle):

The messaging from the legislature is that bills that will be heard will be limited this year. Priority will be given to bills that:

- Absolutely must pass this year;
- Is directly Covid-19 related;
- Alleviates homelessness; or
- Is related to wildfire preparedness or response to PG&E bankruptcy.

Bills still of Interest since last Executive Committee meeting (as of September 15, 2020):

- [AB 1460](#) (Weber, 2020): CSU Ethnic Studies, Signed into law by Governor Newsom on August 17, 2020
- [AB 3310](#) (Muratsuchi, 2020): CCC Ethnic Studies, *dead this year – expect it to come back*
- [AB 331](#) (Medina): Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies – *enrolled and presented to the Governor September 14, 2020*
- [AB 3137](#) (Voepel, 2020) – Community Colleges: California College Promise: members of the Armed Forces of the United States – *enrolled and presented to the Governor September 4, 2020*
- [AB 3374](#) (Committee on Higher Ed, 2020): Nursing – *enrolled and presented to the Governor September 4, 2020*