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Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair  
Senate Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019

Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026

Re: Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Ting:

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges thanks you for your continued support of our organization, which is the legislatively recognized voice of all faculty in the California Community Colleges system regarding curriculum, governance, and other matters of college performance and functions. As you are aware, the May revision of the budget for the State of California included a significant cut in the ASCCC's budget. This reduction directly translates to less professional development for work on faculty diversification, guided pathways, and improved instructional quality in the virtual environment as well as weaker transfer and employment preparedness for students. While the ASCCC appreciates that this is a difficult time in terms of finances and the budget, we request that the governor's grant to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges be sustained in the upcoming legislative version of the California state budget.

The ASCCC is recognized in statute and state regulations as the faculty organization tasked with, among other things, professional development for all faculty in the state, regardless of college, employment status, modality of teaching, or discipline. When colleges first began to shutter their doors in mid-March, the ASCCC sprang into action to assist faculty in every manner possible. In less than two months, more than 6,200 faculty and others have participated in webinars presented by the ASCCC on such vitally important topics as how to move classes online, how to counsel students, and how to work with disciplines not traditionally offered in a distance format, including lab courses, science classes, and allied health programs.

The ASCCC has continued, throughout the pandemic, to do what we are tasked with doing: provide assistance to faculty and colleges about all academic and professional matters. We will continue to provide support to colleges and faculty that request our assistance in the most effective and efficient manner possible. However, a 15% cut to our budget would preclude us from continuing to do some of this work in the manner that best serves the colleges and the state. While in the overall scheme of the state budget, \$253,000 may not seem like a large amount, to the ASCCC it is a significant portion of the monies we use to ensure that faculty are able to do everything they can to continue to serve as leaders on their campuses, to allow them to work with their local administrations and their students, and to provide them with the necessary information for them to serve the communities in which they live and teach.

For these reasons, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges respectfully requests that the cut to the ASCCC in the governor's May revision of the budget be

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removed in the legislature's version of the budget. Maintaining the ASCCC budget at its previously established level will allow us to continue to do the work regarding equity, governance, transfer, and professional development that so many faculty throughout the state have come to rely on and will allow us to continue to perform the essential service of helping to meet the educational needs of the communities and students of California during this difficult period. Please feel free to reach out to us if we may offer additional clarification or be of service.

Thank you,



John Stankas, President  
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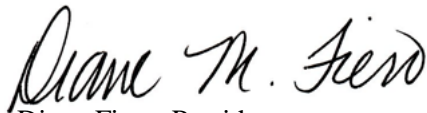
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