



**Academic Senate
for California Community Colleges**

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Legislative and Advocacy Committee

April 7, 2021

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Minutes

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

Guests: Andrew Nickens, SSCCC Liaison

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 12:01pm.

2. Minutes

Stephanie will take minutes.

3. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda by consensus.

4. Approval of Minutes

All past minutes have been approved.

5. Announcements

Ginni is meeting with legislators regarding ethnic studies legislation.

ASCCC Elections are taking place online -see the ASCCC elections page. Delegates will begin voting in April.

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. [see resolution 6.02 in packet]
- [AB 421 \(Ward\)](#) – Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses. [see resolution 6.03 in packet]
- [AB 927 \(Medina\)](#) – Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program.
- [AB 928 \(Berman\)](#) – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee.
- [AB 1040 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) – Community colleges: ethnic studies.
- [AB 1111 \(Berman\)](#) – Postsecondary education: common course numbering system.
- [AB 1432 \(Low\)](#) – The California Online Community College.
- [AB 1456 \(Medina\)](#) – Student financial aid: Cal Grant Reform Act.

New report expected out on April 13,2021

7. Resolutions:

The committee reviewed two resolutions on AB 927 and 928. Eric will work on a resolution regarding AB 1111.

The committee was informed about the resolutions process timeline.

- [Packet for Discussion review period March 30-April 12, 2021.](#)
- Resolutions are due on April 9th, 5:00 pm deadline to resolutions@asccc.org
- Amendments are due April 12th, 5:00 pm deadline to resolutions@asccc.org
- Remaining Resolutions Office Hour: [Register for the April 8, 2021 9am-10am Open Office hour](#)
- Additional Resolutions brought by individuals from LAC - discussion

8. Plenary Session Breakout

Thursday, April 15

2:30-3:45

Assembly Bills, Senate Bills, and Trailer Bill Language: Navigating the Legislative Proposals

Adrienne C. Brown, Los Angeles Harbor College, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

Geoffrey Dyer, Taft College, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

Christopher Howerton, Woodland Community College, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

Alexis Litzky, City College of San Francisco, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

Ginni May, ASCCC Vice President, Legislative and Advocacy Committee Chair

Eric Wada, Folsom Lake College, Legislative and Advocacy Committee

The 2021-2022 legislative cycle has started out strong after an unprecedented ending of the 2019-20 two-year legislative cycle. Keeping pace with prior years 2,379 proposed bills have been submitted for 2021; many focusing on meeting student basic needs, financial aid reform, streamlining transfer processes, and improving educational programs to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion. Join this session to learn about some of the proposed legislation and budget trailer bill language, followed by a robust discussion on how local academic senate leaders can leverage their roles to influence and impact statewide legislation through advocacy on academic and professional matters.

The committee reviewed and planned for the upcoming ASCCC Spring Plenary presentation.

9. [Events](#) and Important Dates (*Events in spring 2021 are virtual*)

Committee members were reminded of upcoming events and important dates.

- Executive Committee Meeting, April 14
- 2021 Spring Plenary Session, April 15-17
- 2021 Career and Noncredit Education Institute, April 30-May 1
- 2021 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 17-19
- 2021 Curriculum Institute, July 7-9

10. LAC meetings:

- May 12, 12:00-1:00 – Discuss end of year report

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

Status of Previous Action Items

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

- *Legislation for 2021: Full Steam Ahead*; Brown, May, Wada and
- *Cal Grant Modernization and the True Cost of College*; Curry, Dyer, May

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

- *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

- 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 1st resolve on Montoya Funds (recommendation to augment) and 2nd 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

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

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>