



**Academic Senate
for California Community Colleges**

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Legislative and Advocacy Committee

September 2, 2020

11:00 am-12:00 noon

MINUTES

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:04am

2. Introductions

The committee introduced themselves and their role at their colleges.

3. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda

4. Set up fall term meetings

Fall meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 11am-12pm. G. May will send out Zoom invites to all committee members.

5. Committee Charge:

The committee reviewed the purpose of the LAC committee as stated on the ASCCC website.

6. Discuss proposed legislative priorities:

The Committee discussed and identified 4 legislative priorities that will be sent to the ASCCC Executive Committee. The committee continued 3 goals from last year and added one on the Ethnic studies graduation requirement.

- a. Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement
- b. Transfer Pathways
- c. Faculty Diversity – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations as they pertain to academic and professional matters – from spring 2020
- d. Expansion of Baccalaureate Degree Programs in Allied Health – [F19 6.02](#) – from spring 2020

7. Rostrum Articles by the Committee for Consideration

The committee discussed potential Rostrum articles.

- a. Why curriculum should reside in Title 5 and not in Education Code
- b. What does AB 1460 (Ethnic Studies) mean for Community Colleges?

Discussion on these articles will continue at the next meeting. Articles need to be sent to G. May by September 23, 2020.

8. Resolutions from the Committee for Consideration – due September 1 (Resolutions Chair will accept ours on Sept 2)

The committee reviewed 2 proposed Resolutions.

- a. Oppose Legislated Curriculum—Contact will be Christopher Howerton
- b. Bolster the Ethnic Studies Requirement—Contact will be Eric Wada

The committee approved these going to the Executive Committee meeting for potential inclusion in the Resolutions packet for Area meetings in October 2020.

9. Status List (see below)

The committee reviewed the status list of action items. At the next meeting the committee will review the outstanding resolutions assigned to the committee.

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

Executive Committee Meeting, September 17-19

2020 Academic Academy, October 8-9

2020 Fall Plenary Session, November 5-7

11. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 11:59am

Status of Previous Action Items

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

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

Committee Priorities – Tracking Resolutions and other Assignments

F17 7.02 [Identify and Remove Barriers to Offering Noncredit Distance Education Courses](#)

F17 7.06 [Access to Noncredit Courses for Undocumented Students](#)

S18 5.01 [Funding for Apprenticeship Courses](#)

S19 7.05 [Explore Allowing Refunds Beyond Regulatory Deadline](#)

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](#), August 13, 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 (2nd 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 2, 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 – *to enrolling and engrossing (that means going to the governor for consideration) August 31, 2020*
- [AB 3137](#) (Voepel, 2020) – Community Colleges: California College Promise: members of the Armed Forces of the United States, *enrolled August 31, 2020*
- [AB 3374](#) (Committee on Higher Ed, 2020) – Nursing, *enrolled August 31, 2020*