

**Questions for the Panel at the January 17, 2018 State Budget Workshop  
for California Community Colleges**

1. Please explain the mechanics of how the new funding formula will work including the allocation of the \$175 million, the hold-harmless guarantee and the implementation timeline given that districts will need to know how the funds will be allocated no later than spring 2018 in order to meet Tentative Budget deadlines.
2. Please explain how you anticipate stability and restoration being treated under the new funding formula?
3. With regard to the hold-harmless, will 2017-18 be adjusted by the 2.51% COLA to arrive at the “hold harmless” benchmark?
4. Why is there no funding for full-time faculty given the regulatory requirements related to FON and the need for colleges/districts to make progress with regard to the 75/25% goal?
5. CalPERS is considering shortening the amortization period from 30 years to 20 years to fund the unfunded liability. This will dramatically increase the CalPERS funding rates and, therefore the amounts payable by each district. Does the State have any plans to provide additional funding to CCDs to provide relief for this substantial cost?
6. The Governor’s Budget Proposal funded the Promise Program in accordance with AB 19. Please explain, from your perspective, the mechanics of how the funds will be allocated and implemented for both apportionment-based and community-supported districts.
7. The Governor’s proposal clearly demonstrates continued support for local control in K-12, and by extension, the consolidation of categorical programs. How do you envision local control and the consolidation of categorical programs for the community college system occurring?
8. The past couple of budget cycles have had additional SSSP and Student Equity funding. Do you believe both initiatives are sufficiently funded and no further investment is required for either of these student support programs?
9. Many colleges already provide short term, stacking certificates tailored to working adults. How is this new online college **not** going to compete with existing programs?