

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR FINANCE, LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY (CFLA)

2017-18 Successes/Challenges and 2018-19 Work Plan

Willy Duncan, Commission Chair

The 2017-18 Year in Review and Primary Tasks in 2018-19:

Committee Composition and Meetings: A roster of the Commission is included on the 2018-19 Directory and currently there are 13 commission members in addition to the Chair. Members are chosen for their ability to contribute to the deliberations, and an effort is made to ensure the Commission is representative of ACCCA's membership and that our affiliate group voices are also heard.

Several ex-officio members continue on the commission, representing the legal perspective, our retired members and key staff. The Commission relies on the expertise of the Association's Advocate, Michelle Underwood, Legislative Director at School Services of California to keep it informed and act in the best interest of members.

As noted on the directory that follows, the Commission meets monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., and as necessary to accomplish its goals. ACCCA's representative to the Chancellor's Consultation Council also reports to the Commission.

A primary focus in 2018-19 will be to identify a co-Chair for the Commission who can be prepared to take over the Commission when the current chair departs.

2017-18 Successes/Challenges:

Legislation and Policy Review. In 2017-18 our Advocate and the Commission reviewed 60 pieces of legislation having some impact on members and our colleges. The Commission took official positions on 10 of those bills, and issued appropriate support or oppose letters or joined coalition letters on issues in common with other education advocates as necessary. Additionally, as required the Advocate represented ACCCA's position to legislators, administration and agency officials.

Legislative Platform. At the start of each year, the Commission reviews the Association's existing legislative platform to ensure that its provisions are still in step with the Association's positions and interests. The current Legislative platform is available online to members and the public, and we have provided a copy in your board materials for your reference. The platform starts by publicly stating the Association's core values and goes on to assert those values in the areas of local autonomy; adequate funding to build excellence; recognition of the true cost of education; leadership development for administrators; retirement security; campus health, wellness and safety; fees and costs of educating the state's workforce. The platform concludes by acknowledging the system's strategic vision and discusses building a 21st Century learning environment.

Position Paper on the State Budget. In the last couple of years, the Commission has taken on the task of putting forth an official position on the State Budget from the perspective of our members--a broad base of administrators. This year was no different and the position paper was widely shared and made available to members online. In it, ACCCA calls on Governor Brown to fully fund the community college share of Prop 98 and states our support for the discussions to create a new funding formula. Our recent letter to the Conference Committee reiterates that support while at the same time calling for increased base funding. The Position Paper supports the concept of an online college but stresses caution in the development of the concept so that existing programs our colleges already have are not harmed. We state our support for the alignment of financial aid and student success and call for expediting the sale of state bonds to fund all 18 pending capital projects already approved for 2018-19.

Educating Administrators about the Legislative Process. One of our strategic tasks is to provide information to members via presentations at events and this year our Advocate shared information on retirement developments [STRS/PERS]; and ACCCA's positions in the legislative and state budget process at ACCCA's and affiliate group conference. We see this as an ongoing imperative of the Commission and plan to continue these efforts in 2018-19.

Addressing the Concerns of Members: The 2018 ACCCA member survey has yielded information about the top issues that members want us to address in the coming year. The Commission will be reviewing those results in the next meeting, along with the outcomes from this planning meeting to identify the issues we will pursue in the coming year. We look forward to keeping the Board informed of our activities and welcome your feedback.

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2018-19 Schedule of Meetings

*Meetings of the Commission are set by the members of the commission and generally fall on the **last Tuesday of the month and occur at 1:30 p.m.** The dial-in instructions are the same for each call: Dial your telephone conference line: 1-888-450-4821 and enter the **participant PIN: 151901#***

- July 31, 2018
- August 28, 2018
- September 25, 2018
- October 30, 2018
- November 27, 2018
- **NO DECEMBER MEETING**
- January 29, 2019
- February 26, 2019

- March 26, 2019
- April 30, 2019
- May 28, 2019
- June 25, 2019