



Commission on Finance and Legislative Advocacy (CFLA)

REPORT ON GOALS AND ACTIVITIES *June 2014*

The CFLA met regularly throughout the year via conference call and held an in-person meeting with the ACCCA Board in January. At each meeting, our legislative consultants from School Services, Sheila Vickers and Michelle McKay-Underwood, provided an update on the state budget and reviewed the status of legislation affecting community colleges and our membership.

Legislative Program

- **STRS Coalition:** In response to CalSTRS audits that revoked the creditable service of administrators, ACCCA formed a coalition of professional associations (ACBO, ACHRO/EEO, ACSA, CASBO, CCSESA, CSBA, SSSA and the League) and the two primary insurance pools (ASCIP and SWACC) in October to explore a coordinated response to CalSTRS and a possible legislative remedy. In November, the coalition held its first meeting and almost simultaneously, CalSTRS issued a directive that allowed members to file a retroactive election form in order to maintain membership in the system. ACCCA developed a membership advisory that was ultimately endorsed by other coalition members. A sub-committee of the coalition met with CalSTRS in February and explored a possible legislative remedy for administrators who did not have prior service that CalSTRS considered to be “creditable.” Although those efforts have continued, progress has been slow. A similar meeting was held with CalPERS on June 12th. That meeting provided the CalPERS staff with our perspective on the creditable service issue and our interest in a legislative solution. It was strategically beneficial to open that dialog with CalPERS and the resolution of this issue will be a high priority for the CFLA in 2014-15.

- In addition to AB806, the Commission recommended positions on the following bills:
 - AB675 (Support With Amendment) – Count time spent on leave toward attainment of faculty tenure
 - AB1550 (Oppose) – Limits employer ability to unilaterally implement bargaining agreement
 - AB1638 (Oppose) – Extend UI benefits to school session classified employees
 - AB1906 (Support) -- Improve cost recovery for Civic Center Act use
 - AB2235 (Support) – Education facilities bond
 - AB2558 (Support) – Establish Professional Development Program in place of Faculty Staff Development Fund
 - SB173 (Oppose) – Policy guidelines for adult education programs
 - SB850 (Watch) – BA Degree Pilot Program
 - SB965 (Oppose Unless Amended) -- Provide enrollment stabilization for CCSF

- o As of May 30th, AB675, AB1550, AB1906, AB2235, AB2558, SB173, SB850 remain active.

System Budget & Budget Workshop – The Commission supported the Budget Workshop in conjunction with ACBO and met with the ACCCA board prior the workshop.

Affiliate Participation – The membership on the commission is very diverse in terms of representation from all affiliate groups.

Commission Leadership – Tom Greene will replace Rose DelGaudio as commission co-chair on July 1st. Rose's leadership on the commission is much appreciated and we are fortunate to have Tom assume this new role.

Meeting Schedule – The Commission has set the following meeting schedule for 2014-15. All meetings will be via conference call:

- a. July 2, 2014
- b. August 6, 2014
- c. September 3, 2014
- d. October 1, 2014
- e. November 5, 2014
- f. December 3, 2014
- g. January 7, 2015
- h. February 4, 2015
- i. March 4, 2015
- j. April 1, 2015
- k. May 6, 2015
- l. June 3, 2015