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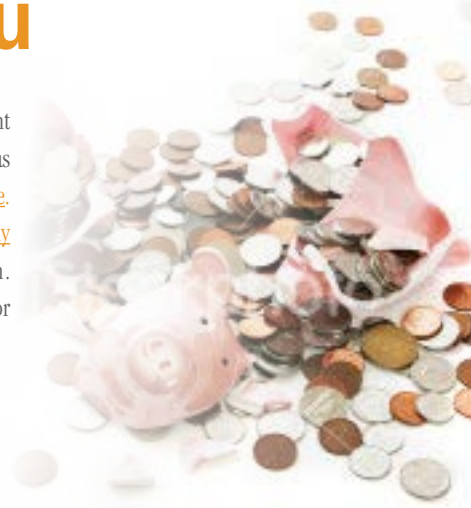
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What Pension Reform Means for You

In the final week of the legislative session, Governor Brown and legislative leaders struck a deal on pension reform, resulting in the bipartisan passage of **AB 340** (Furutani). As of January 1, 2013, new CalSTRS members will receive a reduced benefit (2% at age 62; maximum 2.4% at 65), with all members, regardless of age, experiencing new limitations on post-retirement employment.

Starting with the initial announcement of a pension reform agreement, FACCC has posted all breaking news on its [website](#).

Read the latest [analysis](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) on pension reform. Check back often at FACCC's [website](#) for important updates.



Insider SCOOP

What you won't see in the newspaper

Schedule a visit or presentation with FACCC's Membership Director **Evan Hawkins** to learn critical insider information you won't find in the newspaper. With connections across the political spectrum, Evan will bring you the latest news from Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Contact Evan today to schedule a visit at ehawkins@faccc.org or 916.447.8555.

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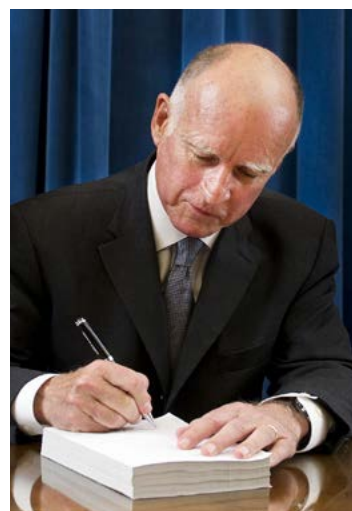
Governor Brown Signs Major Community College Legislation

Governor Jerry Brown has now signed 12,744 regular session measures, more than any other governor since 1967. The following is a list of significant community college bills signed into law.

SB 114 (Yee), pertaining to CalSTRS reporting. Beginning July 1, 2013, this measure requires community college districts to submit collective bargaining or employment agreements to CalSTRS for part-time and adult education instructors. This will facilitate accurate reporting of creditable hours for covered employees working on a part-time basis.

SB 1052 (Steinberg), pertaining to open education resources. The measure provides for the development of 50 core digital textbooks for lower division courses offered by the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges. Hard copies of the texts would cost \$20.00 each. It further creates the California Open Education Resources Council comprised of faculty members to develop the list of targeted courses and oversee the approval process.

SB 1053 (Steinberg), this companion measure to SB 1052 creates the California Digital Open Source Library to house the digital open source textbooks and related materials.



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SB 1070 (Steinberg), pertaining to Career Technical Education (CTE). This measure recasts and revises the CTE Pathways Initiative (commonly known as SB 70), creating links between community colleges, K-12, business, and labor. It also extends the sunset on the program from January 1, 2013, to June 30, 2018.

SB 1402 (Lieu), pertaining to the Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program. This measure recasts and revises the EWD program, and extends its sunset from January 1, 2013, to January 1, 2018.

SB 1456 (Lowenthal) enacts *The Student Success Act of 2012*. This measure implements two major recommendations of the Student Success Task Force.

- A) Implementation of new academic progress standards for students receiving Board of Governors fee waivers as a condition of continued aid; and,
- B) Recasting and updating the matriculation program

Although vastly improved from its original version, including insertion of FACCC-sponsored amendments on the need for the California Community College system to annually seek money for such vital needs as counselors, student services, increasing the ratio of full-time faculty, and part-time faculty support, FACCC continued to advocate removal of the section in the bill on financial aid. FACCC argued the measure should focus solely on helping students succeed, not on rewriting financial aid policy.

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The statewide professional membership association that advocates solely for all community college faculty.

Brown Vetoes Measure Delegating Goals in Higher Education to LAO Convened Working Group

Among the 120 bills vetoed this year was [SB 721](#) (Lowenthal), legislation establishing statewide goals for guiding policy and budget decisions in higher education, and requiring the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to convene a working group to develop metrics measuring

progress toward those goals. Brown's veto message declared: "[q]uestions about who should measure, what to measure and how to measure what is learned in college are way too important to be delegated to the Legislative Analyst."

In his career, Brown has vetoed only 773 regular session bills, the fewest of any governor since 1967 when the "pocket veto" era ended.

Accreditation Update: Role of Local Academic Senates Under Fire

CCCBOG Votes to Authorize Appointment of Special Trustee at CCSF

As 27 of the 112 California Community Colleges face sanction by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), a new accusation lays the blame for these sanctions on the role of local academic senates in shared governance.

In a September 13 [opinion editorial](#) published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Robert Shireman, Director of California Competes, attacked the regulations enabling local academic senates to participate in shared governance, and advocated that California Community Colleges "end th[is] failed experiment."

Shireman claimed that "empowering everyone leaves no one in charge. California's community colleges are capsizing as a result." Referencing the serious accreditation difficulty faced by City College of San Francisco (CCSF), Shireman argued that "[i]f the academic senate doesn't get out of the way to make it clear that the board of trustees are actually at the helm, then San Franciscans will know who to blame if the ship sinks."

Less than a week later, Senator Leland Yee (D-SF) responded with a [competing op-ed](#) in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. According to Yee, a former California Community College faculty member

in his own right, "[t]he accreditation challenges faced by CCSF and other colleges are severe and can be attributed to myriad issues, the foremost being the almost impossible task of maintaining access for students in the face of devastating budget cuts."

Yee emphasized that "[e]ffective program review, appropriate curriculum development and, most important—student success—all require a strong faculty voice. Shared governance is the process by which faculty input is transmitted and is the process by which students are given a voice in their education. Removing shared governance from our community colleges would

degrade the quality of education for the approximately 2.5 million students enrolled in our community colleges throughout the state."

In an effort to assist CCSF's recovery from its "show cause" status, the strongest of the possible sanctions, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors voted to authorize the appointment of a special trustee to address the concerns of the ACCJC. The special trustee, who will be named by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, will work with, not replace, the district's elected governing board.

SANCTIONS?



CCCs Facing Sanction by the ACCJC

SHOW CAUSE <i>(strongest sanction)</i>	PROBATION <i>(mid-level sanction)</i>	WARNING <i>(low-level sanction)</i>
City College of San Francisco	Los Angeles Harbor College	Barstow College
College of the Redwoods	Los Angeles Southwest College	Berkeley City College
Cuesta College	Modesto Junior College	College of Alameda
	Moorpark College	College of Marin
	Oxnard College	Columbia College
	Palo Verde College	Evergreen Valley College
	San Jose City College	Fresno City College
	Shasta College	Laney College
	Ventura College	Merritt College
	Victor Valley College	Merced College
		Reedley College
		San Diego Miramar College
		Solano Community College
		West Los Angeles College

EVENT



Part-Time Faculty Symposium

Saturday | November 3
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pasadena City College
1570 E. Colorado Blvd. | Pasadena

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOE BERRY

Author of *Reclaiming the Ivory Tower:
Organizing Adjuncts to Change Higher Education*



Joe Berry

Registration

(fee includes breakfast and lunch)

FACCC Member:	\$40.00
Non-Member:	\$50.00
Pasadena Faculty:	\$30.00

Information and [online registration](http://www.faccc.org) available at www.faccc.org or call 916.447.8555

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VETERANS SUMMIT II

DECEMBER 6-7, 2012 REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

Learning to
Better Serve
Those ★
Who Have
Served

Please join us for an opportunity to better understand the needs of student veterans and how to support their successful transition to higher education and careers. The California Community Colleges are the number one destination for California veterans returning to civilian life and their numbers are expected to continue growing.

Click here for details and registration information
Scholarships available!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



JOHN VASCONCELLOS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Named for former Senator John Vasconcellos (*D – Santa Clara*), this award is presented to an outstanding full-time faculty advocate whose work impacts faculty statewide.

Examples: advocacy at the Legislature and/or Chancellor's Office; leadership in statewide faculty organizations.

MARGARET QUAN PART-TIME ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Named for former FACCC board member and champion for part-time faculty, Margaret Quan, this award is presented to an outstanding part-time faculty advocate whose work impacts the profession statewide.

Examples: advocacy at the Legislature and/or Chancellor's Office; leadership in statewide faculty organizations.

PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an outstanding part-time faculty member whose leadership at the campus or district level benefits faculty. Nominees must also demonstrate how they incorporate FACCC in their work.

FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an outstanding full-time faculty member whose leadership at the campus or district level benefits faculty. Nominees must also demonstrate how they incorporate FACCC in their work.

JOHN MCFARLAND LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Named for former FACCC President John McFarland, this award is presented to an outstanding full- or part-time faculty member who increases the knowledge of faculty members through contributions to FACCC publications.

Deadline January 17

Download the nomination form at www.faccc.org

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FACCC'S Annual Advocacy
& Policy Conference
March 3-4, 2013

Holiday Inn
Sacramento
Capitol Plaza

