

To: Academic Senate

Re: Legislate Report

Date: 11.8.2021

1) Summary of legislation significant to teaching and learning at CA community colleges, as well as links to where you may find additional information. [Or, learn more information at ASCCC Legislative Updates \(https://www.asccc.org/legislative-updates\)](https://www.asccc.org/legislative-updates).

a) AB 928 (Berman 2021): Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee. [Full text available here.](#)

- i) “This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature related to the process of transfer from community colleges to 4-year postsecondary educational institutions. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to a student-centered transfer process.”
- ii) Implementation Committee to be in place by March 1, 2022.
- iii) 16 members to include representation from the CCC, CSU, and UC systems:
 - (1) By May 31, 2023 Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates to establish a singular GE pathway for transfer; if no agreement, then administrations shall establish the pathway by December 31, 2023;
 - (2) Beginning 2025-26, the GE pathway shall be the only pathway to determine eligibility for transfer;
 - (3) The GE pathway may not require more units than the current IGETC (34 semester units);
 - (4) Will include the examination of unit limits on ADTs for STEM pathways;
 - (5) On or before August 1, 2024, students with a goal of transfer for which there exists an ADT shall be placed on that pathway. (Students may opt out.)
- iv) Background: ASCCC opposed the bill and subsequently requested veto. Signed by the governor on 10.6.2021.

b) AB 1111 (Berman 2021): Postsecondary Education: Common Course Numbering System. [Full text available here.](#)

- i) “This bill would require the California Community Colleges, on or before July 1, 2024, to adopt a common course numbering system for all general education requirement courses and transfer pathway courses, and require each community college campus, on or before July 1, 2024, to incorporate common course numbers from the adopted system into its course catalog. The bill would require the common course numbering system to be student facing and ensure that comparable courses across all community colleges have the same course number. By requiring community college campuses to incorporate common course numbers in their catalogs, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.”
 - (1) CCC Common Course numbering system for all GE and transfer pathway courses.
 - (2) Start with courses in the C-ID numbering system and expand.
 - (3) The C-ID course numbering system identifiers may be used.
 - (4) *To be completed by July 1, 2024.*
- ii) Background: ASCCC opposed the bill. Signed by the governor on 10.6.2021.

c) AB 927 (Medina 2021): Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program. [Full text available here.](#)

- i) “This bill would extend the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely. The bill would remove the requirements that the program consist of a maximum of 15 community college district programs and for a student to commence a program by the end of the 2022–23 academic year.”
 - (1) In consultation with the CSU and UC, the CCC Board of Governors may authorize district baccalaureate degree programs.
 - (2) The baccalaureate programs are based on workforce needs.
 - (3) Districts may not offer a baccalaureate program already offered by the CSU or UC.
 - (4) A maximum of 30 baccalaureate programs may be approved in the CCC system per year.
 - (5) *Effective January 1, 2022.*
- ii) Background: ASCCC supported the bill. Signed by the governor on 10.6.2021

d) AB 1456 (Medina 2021): Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act. [Full text available here.](#) Vetoed.

- i) “The bill would require the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, to adopt a statement of policy on or before June 30, 2023, on how their institutional aid programs address student basic needs and how these institutional funds are prioritized for disbursement.”
 - (1) Would have replaced the existing Cal Grant financial aid program with new Cal Grant 2 and Cal Grant 4 awards.
 - (2) Vetoed by the Governor: *“I agree with the author that making the Cal Grant program simpler to navigate would benefit our students and their families. However, this bill results in significant cost pressures to the state, likely in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Future changes to the financial aid system of this magnitude should be considered as a part of the annual budget process.”*

2) ASCCC/FACCC Legislative Advocacy Training Webinars

- a) The ASCCC and FACCC are looking to promote legislative advocacy among faculty. ASCCC and FACCC longtime partners in advocating for faculty and students in matters such as curriculum and instruction. With increase in legislation regarding academic and professional matters, more faculty advocacy is needed.
- b) Series of forthcoming Webinars on Tuesdays in 2022, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm:
 - i) January 18, 2022
 - ii) February 22, 2022
 - iii) March 22, 2022
 - iv) April 26, 2022
 - v) May 24, 2022
- c) Additional information forthcoming via senate presidents.

3) Legislative Resources

- a) **Links to Statewide Partner Positions on Legislation**
 - i) **Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges:** [ASCCC Legislative Updates](#) (includes positions and reports)
 - ii) **Faculty Association of CA Community Colleges:** [FACCC Legislative Positions](#)
 - iii) **CA Federation of Teachers:** [CFT Legislative Updates](#)
 - iv) **Community College Association:** [CCA Legislation and Political Action](#)
 - v) **CA Community College Chancellor’s Office:** [CCCCO Tracked Legislation](#)

vi) Community College League of CA: [CCLC Legislative Actions](#)

4) Additional Links/Resources

- a) CA Assembly members: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>
- b) CA Senators: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/senators>
- c) California Legislative Information: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>
- d) Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO): <https://lao.ca.gov>
- e) California Department of Finance: <http://www.dof.ca.gov>
- f) Glossary of Terms: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/glossaryTemplate.xhtml>
- g) New Laws Report: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/newLawTemplate.xhtml>