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## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (ACL)**

### *Guiding Principles*

**Purpose:** To advise the League policy boards (CCCT/CEOCCC) on legislation affecting community colleges and to determine advocacy strategies.

### **Committee Role and Responsibilities**

#### **I. Committee Role**

To review state legislation, state budget, and related issues requiring input, discuss appropriate legislative solutions, and provide guidance on League advocacy strategies and priorities. To offer an advisory policy recommendation to the League's policy boards, who determine formal positions.

#### **II. Committee Responsibilities**

1. Analyze and recommend policy positions for the CCCT and CEOCCC boards on state legislation, state budget, and as time permits, federal legislation by reviewing legislation that impacts the community colleges, discussing potential effects, advantages and disadvantages, and possible advocacy strategies. Provide advice on means to support the positions adopted by the boards.
2. Develop recommendations on strategies for advocacy on key legislation and ensure local community college representatives are informed in a timely and effective manner about legislative issues. Enhance involvement of local elected governing boards, chief executive officers, students, district personnel and community leaders.
3. If representing a stakeholder group, communicate any positions taken by respective groups on legislation under consideration by the ACL.
4. Prepare for and attend committee meetings, contribute to the discussions; and, as time allows, plan, attend and assist at the Annual Legislative Conference.

### **Membership Guidelines and Criteria**

#### **I. Committee Membership**

ACL membership includes community college stakeholders and experts, representing diverse segments of the community college system to encourage the discussion and consideration of all viewpoints.

To ensure dynamic discourse and thorough deliberation of legislative issues, committee membership is recommended to include:

- Community College Trustees
- Community College CEOs
- The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
- The Association of Chief Human Resource Officers (ACHRO)
- The Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

- The Chief Student Services Officers Association (CSSO)
- The California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO)
- The Association of Chief Business Officers (ACBO)
- Public Information Officers (PIOs)
- California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS)
- Local community college government relations, public relations, or communications professionals.

## **II. Committee Chair**

1. The Chair will alternate between a Community College Trustee and a Community College CEO.
2. The Chair will serve a minimum of 2 years, and no more than 4 years.
3. The Chair will preside over all committee meetings and will work with League staff to set the committee agenda, organize advocacy efforts, and determine the meeting schedule.

## **III. Meeting Schedule**

The committee meeting schedule will align with the annual state legislative calendar, to ensure that the committee meets as bills are being introduced and deliberated in the state capitol. Meetings will be held in Sacramento and will have both an in-person and virtual option.

## **IV. Voting Privileges**

Each ACL member, regardless of group representation on the committee, is a full voting member with one vote. All members have the choice to vote or abstain on any issue that comes to the committee, including bill positions. While voting on items is an important element, the debate and feedback provided to staff is in many ways far more critical.

## **Membership Rules**

### **I. Meeting Attendance**

1. To remain on ACL, members will not be permitted more than two unexcused absences.
2. To remain eligible for committee membership, members shall have no more than three absences per year.
3. Membership is based on two-year terms with opportunity for reconsideration after each term upon adequate participation.

For more information on ACL, including committee membership, please visit [our webpage](#).