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FACCC BOARD TAKES VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN STATE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Board of Governors took a unanimous vote of no confidence in the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office during its May board meeting. This is only the second vote of no confidence in FACCC's 66-year history. It has issued the following statement:

The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Board of Governors has lost confidence in the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. It came to this conclusion as a result of the office's lack of transparency, disregard for shared governance, lack of prior consultation with faculty and other stakeholders on major initiatives, deficient oversight and fiscal accountability with the online college, and administration of a punitive funding formula that has created a system of winners and losers.

"The faculty have attempted to offer their input and expertise to the Chancellor's Office, but efforts have been largely ignored," stated FACCC President Adam Wetsman. "Rather than engage us early in policy conversations, faculty have been forced to react to an onslaught of initiatives that haven't moved the needle for our students. This prescriptive approach has been detrimental to our colleges, as we can see with the chaotic rollout of the funding formula and online college."

FACCC shares the vision of increasing student success and equity, but we will never get there without a constructive partnership between faculty and the system office. This partnership does not exist today and the board has lost faith it will change under current leadership. FACCC will continue advocating to ensure every student at our existing 114 community colleges is equally supported as they strive to obtain their educational goals.

California Community Colleges cater to the top 100 percent of students. These students enter our institutions with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and goals; consequently, 'success' varies from student to student. FACCC will continue to advocate for all forms of student success and oppose rigid and punitive measures that leave most students behind.

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