

Fall 2019

Discussion:

Full and Fair Funding 2020 Ballot initiative:

- ACSA and CSBA collaborating on the initiative drive.
- The initiative was formally filed with the Attorney General's office. This begins a substantive process that includes writing up the specifics of the initiative and building a summary. Upon completion of that phase, the signature-gathering process can begin.
- The initiative would raise \$15 billion annually to support K-12 public schools and community colleges and raise California from 38th nationally in school funding.
- Unlike Propositions 30 and 55, there will be no sunset date on the revenues.
- The revenue for the measure will be generated by increasing corporate income taxes over \$1 million, increasing personal income taxes on taxable income of more than \$1 million.

CSU Proposal for admissions:

- California State University system has proposed amending the admissions eligibility requirements for incoming freshmen beginning in the year 2026.
- The new admissions requirement would add an additional year (4th year) of math/quantitative reasoning (ex: computer science/coding), preferably during a student's senior year.
- University of California admission requirements do not require a 4th year of quantitative reasoning.
- CSU would establish a waiver for students in school districts that do not have applicable courses available to qualify.
- CSU has approved \$10 million to address the concern of the STEM teacher shortage.
- San Diego USD and Long Beach USD have supported the proposal. The Campaign for College Opportunity, Los Angeles USD, University of California Student Association, Students for ED Reform and the Education Trust-West are among the groups opposing the proposal.
- Other educators and student advocates are pushing back on the proposal, asking for time to study and evaluate.

Board of directors discussion items included:

- This proposal would cause an equity issue due to course access. Vulnerable student populations attending schools that don't offer these types of courses would be at a disadvantage for admissions.
- The current shortage of math teachers in California prevents some students from taking a 4th year of math and/or quantitative reasoning courses.
- There are barriers to class choice and variety of course offered in California public schools. At a time when we should be offering more classroom choices, this proposal limits opportunities and closes pathway programs.

Membership Update:

ACSA currently has 16,841 members. Membership breakdown is as follows:

- 81 percent are regular members.
- 14 percent are retired members.
- 2.3 percent are associated members.
- 2.2 percent student members.

Job breakdown of regular members:

- 58 percent are site administrators.
- 26 percent are central office administrators.
- 10 percent others
- 6 percent superintendents.

Membership breakdown by gender:

- 62 percent female.
- 34 percent male.
- 4 percent unknown.

CALL TO ACTION FOR ACSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Return to February 2020 board meeting with at least one new member. ACSA Member Services is providing marketing kits for board members to promote ACSA membership.

Leadership Summit/ November 7-9:

- More than 800 registrants.
- Board of directors should verify arrival and departure dates and notify Danelle Buckley (dbuckley@acsa.org) or Elaine Cervantez (ecervantez@acsa.org) in ACSA Educational Services if there are changes.
- Tickets remain available for the Women's Leadership Breakfast and Equity Luncheon.

Actions:

Governance Calendar

- Board approves the 2020-2021 ACSA Governance calendar.

Financial Statements-Two Months Ending August 31, 2019

- Board approves the recommendation to accept the Financial Statements for the two months ending August 31, 2019.

2019-2020 Committee and Council Member Appointments

- Board ratifies the 2019-2020 committee and council appointments. Annually, terms expire for 1/3 of the members participating in state committees and councils. Board reviewed and ratified 89 appointments.

2019-2020 State Committee Chair Appointments and Results of Council President Elections

- Board approves recommendations for state committee chairs and council presidents for the following bodies: Co-Administration Committee; Equity Committee; Business Services Council; Career Technical Education Council; Classified Educational Leaders Council; Human Resources Council; Secondary Education Council; Student Services and Special Education Council.

2020 Preliminary Legislative Endorsements

- Board approves the recommendation by ACSA Region VPLA's for a preliminary set of 2020 legislative endorsements by region. The traditional candidate interview process (questionnaire followed by in-person interview) becomes duplicative with very few "open seats". Legislators who are familiar with education issues and ACSA may find the traditional process to be unnecessary, especially those candidates who have previously secured an ACSA endorsement, as they have likely already shared or expressed their education policy platform via their vote record through interactions with ACSA Governmental Relations staff and in previous ACSA Legislative Questionnaires. Approval of these endorsements allows ACSA GR staff and region VPLA's to focus on those candidates running for election in contested seats or in open seats where there is no incumbent.

Appointments to the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team

- Board approves the recommendation for Rick Schmitt and Elliott Duchon to continue their appointments to the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team through 2023.

Revision to ACSA Investment Policy

- Board approves the recommendation from ACSA Finance Committee to revise the investment policy in ACSA's Policies and Procedures manual. An investment policy was put in place to ensure that ACSA's assets would be safeguarded in the long-term using a diversified approach to minimize risks. To assess the performance of the investments, broad and well-known benchmarks were selected in a collaborative effort with ACSA investment advisor Morgan Stanley.

CSU Proposal for Admissions

- Board approves a motion to oppose the California State University proposal to modify admissions requirements and add one additional year of math/quantitative reasoning.