

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** August 30, 2010

**Title of Item:** 2010 Community College Budget Resolution

### **Background and Analysis:**

As of this date the state still has not adopted a 2010-11 budget.

The Community College League of California urges community colleges to adopted the attached resolution requesting the governor and California legislature to adopt a state budget incorporating the recommendations adopted by the Conference Committee on the State Budget which includes calling for a spending plan that maintains funding for community college enrollment growth; increased funding to restore proposed categorical program reductions; increased funding to “buy out” the negative COLA; and increased funding for community college job training in high-demand occupations.

**Recommendation:** Chancellor Linda Thor recommends adoption of budget Resolution #2010-17

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Additional contact names:

Is backup provided? Yes

**Community College Budget Resolution**  
**Resolution #2010-17**

WHEREAS, California's 2010-11 fiscal year commenced on July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, a state budget for the fiscal year has not been enacted; and

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a budget for community colleges in January that increased funding for student enrollment and recognized the critical role of community colleges in California's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Conference Committee on the State Budget adopted a spending plan that maintained funding for community college enrollment growth, increased funding to restore proposed categorical program reductions, increased funding to "buy out" the negative COLA, and increased funding for community college job training in high-demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Conference Committee on the State Budget proposed a framework for tax reform that attempts to mitigate against volatile swings in state revenues while reducing the state's reliance on the highest-income Californians and the disparate treatment of retail and Internet sales; and

WHEREAS, the Conference Committee on the State Budget adopted a spending plan that rejects the proposed elimination of the CalWORKs welfare-to-work and the state's subsidized child care programs, both which serve thousands of community college students; and

WHEREAS, the spending plan proposed by the Conference Committee on the State Budget rejects a proposed \$1.5 billion cut to K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS, the delay in the enactment of the state budget has interrupted state cash payments to community colleges; and

WHEREAS, local community college districts are projected to spend at least \$5 million on borrowing costs to accommodate the state's delays in cash payments, which could otherwise be used to offer 1,200 courses at a time of unprecedented unmet enrollment demand; and

WHEREAS, the delay in the enactment of the state budget further is delaying the payment of Cal Grant financial aid awards to community college students, impeding their ability to purchase text books and supplies needed at the beginning of the academic term or requiring community colleges to find alternative funding sources for the aid; and

WHEREAS, the continued budget impasse will have grievous harm on community colleges and community college students if not resolved soon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Foothill-De Anza Community College District calls upon the governor and state legislators to expeditiously adopt a state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District further calls upon the governor and legislators to use the Conference Committee on the State Budget's spending plan as a framework for

preserving state programs that have a significant effect on the operations of community colleges while minimizing the increased tax burden on Californians.

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

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Linda M. Thor, Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees