

Legislative Goals 2010-11

Proposal

For the 2010-11, the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees endorses advocacy for the following:

A. State Legislative Priorities

- 1. Support funding for enrollment restoration/growth that is essential for providing access and success during a period of high demand.
- 2. Support a constitutional amendment to lower the vote threshold for the approval for school and community college district parcel taxes from two-thirds (66%) to a super majority of 55%.
- 3. Support stable, predictable funding for community colleges.
- 4. Support closing the state's structural budget deficit with revenue enhancements.
- 5. Support a stable and predictable student enrollment fee policy
- 6. Support access to financial aid for all students.
- 7. Support use of open educational resources and other appropriate approaches to reduce textbook costs for students.
- 8. Advocate for increasing the authority of local districts.
- 9. Support California DREAM Act or similar legislation and oppose efforts to deny instate tuition rates at public college and universities to AB 540 students.
- 10. Seek flexibility in setting community college fees.
- 11. Support removing barriers to transfer of qualified community college students to the University of California and California State Universities

B. Federal Legislative Priorities

- 1. Support increased federal investment in higher education and workforce development across the board.
- 2. Support the DREAM Act and student eligibility for federal student financial assistance.
- 3. Support funding to help institutions serve the particular needs of students who are veterans.
- 4. Support assistance to provide lifelong learning opportunities for the older segment of the population.
- 5. Support inclusion of community colleges as key partners/training providers in workforce investment legislation.