

CCCSFAAA

State Issues Update

02/02/09

1. **State Budget**- Latest from Scott Lay [Tuesday, January 27th]. A budget deal is widely expected in the next two weeks.
2. **LAO Budget Report on Higher Education**: This is a 68 page report that contains some important information on the LAO recommendation regarding current budget negotiations. There are several things of interest to the community college sector. Two of particular interest to FA are highlighted below:
 - a. Proposal to raise Community College Fees to \$30 a unit
 - b. Support in part for the proposal to reorganize CSAC and decentralize Cal Grants.

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/analysis.aspx?year=2009&chap=0&toc=4>
3. **Proposed Reorganization of CSAC and Decentralization of Cal Grants**. Attached is a one page summary of things to consider. There are lots of ideas being floated about how this might look, but no one has anything concrete at this point. CASFAA will be unable to take a position, because the different segments they represent do not agree on how this should happen. There are definitely some scenarios that would be great for community colleges and our students. The State Issues Committee needs to meet. Regional Reps need to be sure that their schools are aware that this is on the table.
4. **Legislative Update**—Nothing to report at this time. Michael Magee, Government Relations [CCCCO] said they are starting to track a few bills, but the deadline for submitting bills is mid-February. **See Electronic Attachment Legislative Matrix 2009**.
5. **AB-540 Court Case**-The case should be heard soon.
6. **Classified Employees of the Year**-Nominations are open. Some of you have staff that could be submitted as Classified Employee of the Year. The links are on the front page of the System's Office web page. Link to instructions:

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/Executive/Guidelines_Instructions.pdf
7. **BOG and Chancellor's Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 3rd**. Please provide names and contact information for everyone who will be attending Advocacy Day from your organization by emailing Troy Carter at tcarter@ccco.edu or call Mike Magee at 916-322-0186 so we can begin making preparations. **We will need to know whether you will attend by Monday, February 16th (the sooner the better)**. See Attachment: CC Advocacy Day Attachment BOG and Chancellor's Advocacy Day 030309
8. **NASFAA- FAFSA Tips for Foster Youth**

<http://www.nasfaa.org/publications/2009/anfafsatips012909.html>

9. **Perkins Memo-** This memo [CFAO-all dated 1/15/09] provides notice of the 2009-10 Perkins allocation data reports and certification form availability. The reports are for district verification and certification of student counts used to determine the district allocations of federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins – formerly VTEA), Title I, Part C, Section 132, Local Assistance funds.

Perkins local allocations for 2009-10 are based on the economically disadvantaged career technical education student counts in two reports. Student counts and subsequent allocations are derived from data submitted by the district to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) through the Management Information System (MIS). Prior to receiving Perkins funds, districts must verify and certify that the counts used to allocate funds are supported by auditable sources. **Data Verification and Certification forms are due in the Chancellor's Office on or before Monday, February 23, 2009. See Electronic Attachment: Perkins Memo...**

10. **Cash for College-AB 540 Guidance-** I missed the information from Cash for College that AB 540 students can be entered to receive one of the \$1,000 scholarships for attending the FAFSA Cash for College Workshops. Electronic Attachment-Cash for College-AB540
- 11.