

State Budget Advocacy – Letters of Support

Thank you for supporting College of the Canyons by sending a letter to Governor Newsom and our local legislators that outlines our key priorities for funding in the 2019-20 state budget, and needed changes to the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF).

A template letter is attached for your convenience.

- Please personalize the template with your name, and print it on your letterhead.
- Address the letter, and send it to the following:

Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 558-3160

Senator Scott Wilk
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916-651-4921
Email via staff: junay.gardner@sen.ca.gov

Senator Henry Stern
State Capitol, Room 3070
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Email via staff: nick.fletcher@sen.ca.gov

Assemblywoman Christy Smith
State Capitol, Room 2158
Sacramento, CA 94249
Fax: 916-319-2138
Email via staff: annie.chou@asm.ca.gov

Assemblymember Tom Lackey
State Capitol, Room 2174
Sacramento, CA 94249
Fax: 916-319-2136
Email via staff: mark.isidro@asm.ca.gov

- Provide copies to Eric Harnish, eric.harnish@canyons.edu.
- Questions? Please contact Eric Harnish, eric.harnish@canyons.edu, or (661) 362-3429.

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Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair
Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol Room 5019
Fax: (916) 323-8386

Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Fax: (916) 319-2199

RE: 2019-20 May Revision Proposal - California Community College Budget (6870-101-0001)

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Ting:

I am writing to express my support for College of the Canyons, and to request changes to the 2019-20 state budget and the Student-Centered Funding Formula that will help the college fulfill its mission of educating students and developing our community's workforce.

A one-time appropriation of \$49 million is needed to fully fund the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) as implemented for the 2018-19 fiscal year. A funding cut to current fiscal year operations would be devastating to core academic programs and student support programs, and is impractical coming this late in the year.

A predictable base allocation is necessary to permit implementation of initiatives that improve student outcomes. The California Community Colleges receive the lowest per-student funding of any public education system in California. In particular, we support providing additional funding in the base to increase the number of full-time faculty to better meet the 75/25 percent full-time faculty provisions of AB 1725.

To ensure a successful transition to the new funding formula, the following changes are needed:

- Establish the new base funding for all districts as the 2018-19 Total Computational Revenue (TCR) plus cumulative COLAs.
- Extend hold-harmless provisions through 2021-22. This will provide the time needed to improve data quality critical to the success of the formula, and prevent more unintended consequences.
- Recognize only the highest award achieved by the same student in a given fiscal year as a means of prioritizing per-student success, as opposed to incentivizing award maximization, and redirect savings (from elimination of the current point differentials) to the District Base Grant allocation.
- Ensure programs supporting high school students, incarcerated individuals, Career Development College Prep (CDCP) noncredit students, and Instructional Service Agreements (ISAs) receive full FTES funding per the existing 100 percent FTES formula.
- Count outcomes in as many districts as necessary as long as the student took 12 or more units in the district in the year prior to transfer.

Finally, I am concerned with the inconsistent release of Proposition 51 bond resources, which California voters approved in 2016. I respectfully urge you to honor **the will of the voters** and fund all projects in the California Community Colleges 2019-20 Capital Outlay Plan.

Thank you for working to ensure California's largest system of higher education works for its students.

Sincerely,

Name
Title
Address
Email or Phone number