

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**



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Thank you for joining FACC!

There is no better time to be a member of the FACC than right now. With the current state of the national and state economy, it is crucial to be on the front lines in regards to legislative issues, professional development, and personal growth.

By joining FACC, you will be kept abreast of the current happenings both locally and statewide as it relates to higher education and the Florida State College System. Our mission is simple – to promote actively and represent, support, and serve democratically members and institutions in their endeavors to provide their students and the citizens of Florida the best possible comprehensive community college educational system.

As a member, you are now a part of a unique organization. FACC is the organization to define critical public policy and legislative issues while enhancing the public awareness and understanding of the mission of the state's community and state colleges.

You are encouraged to utilize all of our resources from networks with colleagues at other institutions, meetings and conferences, publications, advocacy efforts, and the FACC partner benefits like the college tuition discounts. It is our sincere hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities to grow your career, expand your leadership skills, increase your network, and make good use of Your Association! Remember your FACC membership opens the door to a variety of opportunities for you to make new friends and contacts statewide!

Access to individuals with experience, connections, answers and solutions to problems you may face is a priceless value. As the professional association for community college employees, the FACC brings together all the major players in the Florida State College system to benefit you and your institution. This is Your Association!

So, welcome to the FACC - *where we help make a difference one life at a time!*

FACC HISTORY

The Association was organized in 1949 as the Florida Association of Public Junior Colleges by the presidents of Florida's first four public junior colleges. Its mission was to unite the colleges for the purpose of helping the Florida Legislature understand the junior college mission and to advocate for Florida's public junior colleges in the development of the state's long-range plan for higher education.

Since 1949, the Association's mission and purposes have grown in scope as has the Association itself. In 1971, the Association became the Florida Association for Community Colleges and is the most original organization serving any community college system in the nation. FACC is the only community college Association which represents all employees, presidents, and trustees associated with a community college system.

Today, all 28 of the state's community colleges support the work of the Association through institutional dues as do over 8,000 individual community college employees and retirees through individual memberships and the sharing of their talents, time and energy.

ORGANIZATION

The Association is guided by state bylaws and organized through an intricate network of Chapters, Commissions, Regions and a Board of Directors. Chapters represent the basic building block for the Association at the local level. Generally, each college in the state has one FACC Chapter. There are currently 30 FACC Chapters in the state representing all 28 colleges, the College Center for Library Automation, and the Division of Florida Colleges.

The Board of Directors of the Association includes each Region Director, Commission Chair, and several appointed Committee Chairs as well as an Executive Committee elected by the Assembly of Delegates. The Executive Committee includes the President, the President-Elect, the Vice President-Elect for Regions and Chapters, the Vice President for Regions and Chapters, the Vice President-Elect for Commissions, the Vice President for Commissions and the Immediate Past-President. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the goals and objectives of the Association and for employing the Association's Chief Executive Officer.

A full-time staff administers the day-to-day operations, maintains membership records and coordinates communications and professional development opportunities for all of the Association's individual and institutional members.



Santa Fe College Chapter of FACC

2008 - 2009 Executive Board Officers

President	Lee Johnson	Treasurer	Carol Wilson
Vice President	Debi McElroy	Historian	Dwight Hulse
Membership Chair	Lela Elmore	Legislative Liaison	Guy York
Membership Co-Chair	Ryan Woods	Websmith	Barbara Fields
Secretary	Barbara Jessie	Region II Director	Mike Hutley

FACC at Santa Fe is committed to providing educational service and legislative opportunities to all employees of Santa Fe College. We encourage participation of our new members and invite you to let us know if you are interested in being involved with any of our chapter activities/events throughout the year.

We believe in community service. FACC and Santa Fe College want to help STOMP OUT HUNGER. We are beginning a continued community service to help stock the food pantry at the [Gainesville Community Ministry](#). JOIN US!

Other activities throughout the year include the annual Carnation Sale, March of Dimes Spirit Station, the Holiday Reception, and Campus Caroling. We support all of our state meetings including the Leadership Conference, Membership Conference, Spring Region Meeting, Spring Commission Conferences, and the annual Convention.

FACC is the one organization that represents all faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, presidents, and retirees from Florida's 28 public community colleges. If you want to be involved, there's something for you to do in FACC! Get involved and participate. Join us at our chapter events/activities and be sure to engage and connect with other FACC members throughout the college.

We look forward to having you join us at our next chapter meeting on _____ at the NW Campus.

COMMISSIONS

There are currently 17 FACC Commissions. These Commissions provide an opportunity for community college employees with similar job responsibilities to enhance their professional skills and knowledge and to network, share, and recognize exemplary practices with colleagues from around the state.

Commissions usually meet at least twice a year to provide professional development programs of interest to commission members and to recognize colleagues and best practices of an exemplary nature. Commissions provide the primary vehicle for the Association to fulfill its goals of offering professional training and development opportunities to its members.

Educational programs, curriculum development, innovative administrative and instructional procedures as well as enhanced cooperative research on issues of substance related to all aspects of higher education are debated and explored through the FACC Commissions. Each Commission has its own elected board of directors to oversee and plan its activities during the year. Each Commission Chair serves as a member of the Association's Board of Directors.

So, why should you participate in a Commission? This is where you will connect with other individuals who share your professional interests. They, like you, are the experts at their colleges, and they, like you, are interested in learning, growing, and sharing their knowledge. If you're new to the college and to your position, this group of people will be your think tank, your lifeline, and your support system as you grow and develop professionally.

What do you need to do to become involved in your commission? Email the Commission Chair and let him/her know of your interest in participating within the Commission. Attend the Commission's Spring Conference and professional development session at the Convention. Build your network through active participation within the Commission. It's easy, it's fun, and you'll reap the rewards!

For more information on each of the 17 Commissions, visit the FACC website and click on each Commission's webpage.

See the link below:

http://www.facc.org/facc/Links_to_Commissions.asp

FACC COMMISSIONS

Administration	Represents the interests of administrative and business affairs staff. (Deans, Directors, VP's, Provosts, and Campus Presidents)
Adult and Continuing Education	Involves all interested personnel in the development, promotion, and facilitation A&CE.
Career and Professional Employees	Promotes professional growth and exchange of information amongst the career and professional (non-administrative, non-faculty) employees.
Career and Professional Employees	Provides leadership, advice, counsel and opportunity for professional development on EA/EO matters. (HR, Trio Programs, CROP and Diversity Office personnel)
Facilities	Promotes the interests and issues of community college's facilities planning and institutional services and to provide to its membership a collaborative environment for sharing ideas, experiences and successes in order to promote best practices and professional development within the multiple disciplines associated with the construction and management of our college's facilities.
Faculty	Promotes quality leadership and professional service and seek solutions on matters relating to faculty.
Global Initiatives	Develops and coordinates programs related to international and multi-cultural matters. (Study abroad faculty, Diversity Office personnel, and others interested in this area)
Institutional Advancement	Promotes professional growth and development amongst commission members. (PR, Marketing, Development, and Public Information personnel)
Institutional Effectiveness Planning	Improves institutional effectiveness, & Professional Development planning, and research. (Institutional Research, Staff & Professional Development, and Planning personnel)

Instructional Innovation	Provides for the participation of the faculty members, administrators, and other concerned personnel in all areas relating to curriculum. (Faculty, Distance Learning, and Instructional Design personnel)
Learning Resources	Represents the interests of Learning Resources personnel. (Library, Learning Support, and E-Learning personnel)
Occupational and Workforce Education	Represents the interest of Occupational and Workforce Education personnel.
Retirees	Represents the interests of Florida Community State College System retirees. (Current or soon to be retirees)
Rural Campuses	Provides an avenue to address the education, training and economic issues that are unique to rural communities; thus developing a much needed advocacy group, provide a network to share exemplary practices, possible solutions and provide a professional network for faculty, staff and administrators, and to deliver the same quality academic programming, engaging curriculum, enrollment increases, and strive toward sustainability just as large campuses and often times with less resources.
Student Development	Involves members of the Student Affairs offices in carrying out the goals and objectives of the Student Personnel philosophy.
Technology	Our purpose is to represent the interests of Florida's community and junior college personnel whose job interests include technology related activities or issues. The Technology Commission strives to enhance student learning, improve institutional effectiveness and promote effective participation in all aspects of technology management, planning, information sharing, eLearning and innovation.
Trustees	Promotes an understanding of the Florida College System amongst trustees and serve in liaison capacity to local and State offices and agencies

BENEFITS

Representation and Advocacy – Your membership dues support FACC’s Advocacy efforts. FACC employs an exceptional team of experienced lobbyists to ensure that your needs come first. Our team of contract lobbyists, the Legislative Committee, the Policy & Advocacy Committee, the Trustees, and the FACC CEO work to tell our stories with a powerful voice.

Listening Legislature – FACC’s more than 8,000 voices are heard through its one unified voice and message on issues of importance to you and the 28 community and state colleges it supports and promotes. Partnering with the Division of State Colleges, when we speak – legislature listens.

Information Resource – FACC’s members are guaranteed access to the most up-to-date information related to the community and state colleges in Florida through an intricate array of resources. COP, CSA, CIA, RDC, and COBA all work with FACC

Professionalism – Through your membership, you demonstrate that you support and are involved in the future of the community and state college system. You also demonstrate your commitment to lifelong learning as you continue to develop your career and professional skills.

Networking – The FACC network is priceless! The value of the relationships you will develop and foster throughout your career can not be measured. More than anything else, this benefit will last you a lifetime.

Professional Growth – Knowledge gained through understanding, exposure, and shared information is beneficial to each individual member. Chapter, Region, and Commission involvement enhances leadership skills, provide for promotional opportunities, and increases the knowledge base of the individual, institution, department, and division.

Publications – The quarterly newsletter Current and the weekly legislative update Perception are available to members. Each highlights current and upcoming events while providing members with current news and other significant information.

Member Discount Programs – FACC negotiates many discounts on products and services. Educational, theme park, promotional items, rental cars, and other discounted tickets and specials.

Website Access – Your membership affords you access to timely updates on information related to the state college system. You also have access to your membership profile at www.facc.org.

The Florida College System and FACC can claim a major victory in the 2009 budget debate. The session began with news that Florida's general revenue (GR) receipts continued to lag earlier expectations. As a result, the State faced a shortfall of more than \$6 billion compared to fiscal year 2008-2009. Members of the House and Senate struggled with the contentious issues of cutting expenditures, closing sales tax "loopholes," increasing fees, increasing revenues from gambling, and spending anticipated federal stimulus funds as a means to balance the budget.

The original budgets proposed by the House and Senate reflected the shortfall, with cuts to our programs running as high as 20% in some areas. The message articulated by the presidents, trustees, lobbyists and other college staff, FACC, and by the Division of Florida Colleges, namely, our continued open door policy, tremendous growth in enrollment, and the important role the System will play in the State's economic recovery, resonated well with the Legislature. By the end of session, we were successful in achieving an operational budget that was essentially level compared to 2008-2009 in total dollars but greatly reduced in recurring revenue. In addition, we received a tuition increase of 8% to help fund our growth during the coming year.

Florida still faces serious economic challenges. While the rate of revenue decline appears to have slowed, most observers expect that mid-year budget adjustments will be necessary later this year or early in 2010. A particular challenge for Florida's colleges is the fact that so much of our base funding is now composed of non-recurring revenues. The Legislature's prudent decision to spend only one-half of the 2-year federal economic stimulus money will help cushion further declines in State revenues.

The system's PECO (fixed capital outlay) facilities request was fully-funded (\$84.2M). The total amount of PECO funds available for the 2009-10 fiscal year is one of the lowest amounts in recent memory. This was unfortunate at a time when the construction industry is being looked to for help in the economic recovery of the State and construction prices are down. The state's economic condition did not permit funding of the Facilities or Philip Benjamin matching grants programs.

On the substantive front, the system's two main legislative initiatives were both approved by the Legislature. The Florida College System bill, a compromise implementing the recommendations of the Florida College System Task Force and the State College Pilot Project, kept our system of two and four-year institutions united under one governance umbrella. The bill puts in place a process for colleges to branch out into the baccalaureate market while retaining their core mission of providing open-door access at the lower division level yet responding to community needs for access to baccalaureate programs.

The other primary initiative, legislation designed to bring Florida's student records laws into conformity with the federal FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) statute, was unanimously approved by both the House and Senate.

Florida College System 2009-2010 Conference Report

2009-2010 BREAKDOWN OF STATE ALLOCATIONS					
	Recurring		Non-Recurring		
College	Recurring General Revenue	Recurring Lottery	Federal Stabilization Funds	Non-Recurring General Revenue	Total Allocated State Funds
Brevard	29,769,372	4,350,428	3,071,976	1,067,124	38,258,900
Broward	56,580,239	8,268,508	5,838,656	2,028,196	72,715,599
Central Florida	15,797,521	2,308,614	1,630,186	566,284	20,302,605
Chipola	7,430,068	1,085,813	766,727	266,341	9,548,949
Daytona	38,504,016	5,626,890	3,973,325	1,380,229	49,484,460
Edison	18,515,990	2,705,885	1,910,711	663,731	23,796,317
FCCJ	59,103,763	8,637,290	6,099,065	2,118,656	75,958,774
Florida Keys	4,644,352	678,715	479,262	166,483	5,968,812
Gulf Coast	14,257,630	2,083,578	1,471,280	511,084	18,323,572
Hillsborough	38,613,445	5,642,881	3,984,618	1,384,152	49,625,096
Indian River	35,098,154	5,129,165	3,621,866	1,258,142	45,107,327
Lake City	9,904,104	1,447,364	1,022,029	355,026	12,728,523
Lake Sumter	8,583,933	1,254,437	885,797	307,703	11,031,870
Manatee	16,810,586	2,456,661	1,734,726	602,599	21,604,572
Miami	131,713,903	19,248,371	13,591,886	4,721,467	169,275,627
North Florida	5,004,647	736,499	520,065	180,657	6,441,868
Northwest Florida	13,725,651	2,005,836	1,416,384	492,015	17,639,886
Palm Beach	40,357,217	5,897,712	4,164,562	1,446,660	51,866,151
Pasco-Hernando	15,001,524	2,192,288	1,548,045	537,750	19,279,607
Pensacola	26,827,299	3,920,481	2,768,376	961,661	34,477,817
Polk	14,702,363	2,148,571	1,517,173	527,026	18,895,133
Saint John's River	13,171,604	1,924,868	1,359,211	472,154	16,927,837
Saint Petersburg	46,379,925	6,777,857	4,786,060	1,662,552	59,606,394

For more information on the 2009 Legislative Session,
please visit http://www.facc.org/facc/2008_Legislative_Session.asp

WELCOME TO FACC!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



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