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INFORMATION

## BOG Student Success Task Force Recommendations Proceed With Legislation

The Board of Governor's SSTF Recommendations are proceeding with Legislation. Currently there are two proposed legislative bills:

### SB 1062: Liu/Coauthor: Lowenthal

This bill would give much more power to the Community College Chancellor's Office.

It is being seen as a power grab. The bill takes power away from the local boards of trustees and mandates options that will be under the power of the Chancellor.

This bill also provides the ability of the Chancellor's Office to appoint and set salaries for staff within the Chancellor's Office.



### SB 1456: Lowenthal/ Coauthor: Liu

This bill would establish very specific student requirements for each of the 2.6 million community college students ranging from qualifying for a fee waiver, identifying a degree, establishing a certificate, transferring, or establishing a career advancement goal and meeting academic and progress standards determined by the board of governors.

CCA has estimated very conservatively the costs associated with this legislative proposal to be at least \$1,500,000,000.





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## IS CCA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE MONTH



### Very Few CCA Local Chapters Have Term Limits

A recent survey of CCA Local Chapters uncovered that few chapters have term limits for governance leadership.

CCA currently has 43 Chapter Contracts. Of those 43 chapters, **2** have term limits for all of their officers, **2** have term limits for the President position but not other officers, and **39** chapters do not have term limits for the officers of their local chapters.

### CCA Is Sponsoring Three 50% Audits

CCA believes that many of the college districts are not adhering to the 50% Law.

This law mandates approximately 50% of the non-restrictive revenues a district receives should be spent on faculty and staff having direct impact to teaching within the classroom and directly with students.

We anticipate having the results by the end of the Spring 2012 Semester.

### CCA/CTA Launches Education Campaign On Corporate Power Grab Initiative!



CCA/CTA members are receiving information about a cynical measure targeted for the November ballot that aims to silence the voices of teachers and boost the power of corporations.

The measure, a rehash of a Schwarzenegger launched attack on middle-class working women and men, would limit members' ability to contribute to the Association's political battles on issues and candidates (including BOT races) on their behalf.

We must defeat this initiative so we can maintain our voices before and among our trustees. **“If the Corporate Power Grab passes, it will knock each of our CCA locals and other union brothers and sisters out of the political process.”**

At a time when corporations already outspend unions by 15 to 1, the new initiative would give corporations the power to spend even more, while the ability of unions to advocate for their members would be limited.

## CCA/CTA Supports Governor's & CFT Merged Initiative



CCA & CTA voted at the March CTA State Council to endorse the compromised initiative between the Governor and the CFT. CTA voted to provide an additional \$9 million for initiative purposes. This comes on top of an \$8 million amount ratified in January.

There will only be about 30 days to collect the needed one million signatures to qualify the initiative to be placed on the November ballot.

The compromise is supported by labor, business, and the education coalition.

The new initiative uses the structure of the governor's original plan but reduces the state sales tax increase from a half cent to a quarter cent, and it increases taxes on the wealthy.

It also extends income tax hikes by two years, giving the state more time to come out of the recession. The measure is expected to generate about \$9 billion a year.

Revenues from the new taxes will be placed into an education protection account to benefit pre-K-12 education and community colleges.

In working through the general fund, money is also dedicated to the realignment

and would be written into the constitution to benefit public safety and health services.

The effect of paying for the realignment would be to free up additional money to be spent on higher education CSU and UC and other essential services.

Without funding for the realignment, the state's budget deficit grows bigger and more budget cuts will have to be made.



## CCA Seeks Real Student Success

CCA/CTA has formed a program to re-examine the content found in the BOG Student Success Task Force Recommendations.

Information concerning how real student success can be achieved is posted on the CCA website: [cca4me.org](http://cca4me.org).

CCA/CTA is moving to slow the process down and to provide time for faculty throughout the State to weigh in on the suggestions.

Faculty are subject experts and they should have a final role in determining how best to help students in their attempt to succeed.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

## CCA Has Full Agenda At Spring Conference

The Community College Association has a full agenda with many break-out sessions regarding membership promotion ready for the conference scheduled for April 27, 28, 29, 2012 at the Westin in Palm Springs.



## Upcoming Events!

- ◆ **CCA Spring Conference**  
Friday & Saturday & Sunday April 27th, 28th & 29th 2012  
Westin Hotel / Palm Desert
- ◆ **CCA Board Meeting**  
Friday, April 27th 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Westin Hotel / Palm Desert

**New class picture coming soon!**

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CCA Spring Conference 2011

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The purpose of Building Strong Locals Academy is to educate members to serve effectively at the local chapter level.

### This Months FAQ

**Question:**

How many California Higher Education delegates will be attending the NEA Representative Assembly this July?

**Answer:**

22 people will represent CTA. They will have their expenses reimbursed. CTA does not reimburse the local.

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## CCA WHO AWARDS Local & State

**Seventeen** of the local CCA Chapters are scheduled to present an award to an outstanding faculty member at a special celebration on Saturday evening of the Spring Conference.

This is a fun celebration and is always one of the highlights of the Spring Conference .

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