



ACBO 2021 Spring Virtual Conference

May 17th-19th, 2021

Monday, May 17th

10:00am Announcements & Welcome

10:15am **Everything You Want and Need to Know About the 50% Law and FON**

Panelists: **Wrenna Finche**, CPA – Assistant Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office; **Ann-Marie Gabel**, CPA – Vice Chancellor, Business Services for the South Orange County CCD; and **Fred Williams** – Vice Chancellor, Finance and Facilities for the North Orange County CCD.

Description: This session will walk participants through the 50% Law and FON calculations, explain the regulations behind each, and provide valuable insight on tips to consider if you run into a problem with either of them.

12:30pm Lunch Break

2:00pm Announcements & Sponsor Information

2:15pm **A Student’s Journey Through the Lens of the Student Centered Funding Formula**

Panelists: **Lizette Navarette**, Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, **Keith Nezaam**, Director of Fiscal Services, College Finance and Facilities Planning, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, **Anneliese Mondorf**, Specialist, College Finance and Facilities Planning, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, **Satveer Ark**, Specialist, College Finance and Facilities Planning, California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, **Darcie Harvey**, Fiscal Services Consultant

Description: California Community Colleges can serve as engines of social mobility and post-pandemic recovery — but, to do so, community college leaders need to redefine normal and prioritize student-focused investments. Learn about opportunities to improve college resources while supporting students’ journey’s. This deep dive into the Student Centered Funding Formula will allow participants to learn about its structure, key data to review, and how to maximize resources while also supporting students.

Tuesday, May 18th

9:00am **Optional Diamond Sponsor Information Sessions** (*keep a lookout for an invitation from our sponsors, one week before the conference.*)

10:00am Announcements & Sponsor Information

10:15am **Supporting students and making intelligent investments with federal stimulus resources**

Panelists: **Mario Rodriguez**, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, Los Rios Community College District, **Beth Gomez**, Vice President of Business Services, Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, **Morris Rodrigue**, Vice President of Administrative Services, Mt. San Antonio College, **Myeshia Armstrong**, Vice President of Administrative Services, East Los Angeles College, **Rodrigo Garcia**, Vice President of Administrative Services, Fullerton College, **Lorena Romero**, Federal Funding Specialist, College Finance and Facilities Planning Division, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, **Felipe Lopez**, Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Cerritos College

Description: With the infusion of federal stimulus resources, each with its own programmatic requirements, including timelines, allowables, and reporting, it can be hard to find ways to intelligently spend this significant amount of resources effectively. Join us for a panel discussion from district and college business officials to talk about how they have prioritized supporting students through direct aid, meeting basic needs, and see how they used federal resources to reorient their institutions along the way. The panel will include representatives from the CCCCO to help answer questions and provide the most recent guidance on HEERF I, II, and III.

11:15am **Keynote Presentation: Investing in Equity and Inclusion: The Pathway to Maximum Returns**

Panelist: **Sacha Moore**, District Coordinator of Equity, Inclusion and Compliance, Coast CCD

Description: In this keynote, Sacha Moore, Coast Community College District Coordinator of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance and Golden West College Professor of English, will highlight the benefits of infusing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. This discussion will include the fundamentals of building welcoming spaces and enhancing a sense of belonging; identifying and managing threats to these environments; and capitalizing on strategies for developing and maintaining thriving partnerships grounded in diversity, equity, and inclusion-based values. Attendees will discover proactive practices that can strengthen and energize their teams today and for the long term.

12:00pm Lunch Break

12:45pm **Optional Lunch & Learn**

Self-Care 101: Focus on What You Can Control

Panelist: **Geisce Ly**, Dean, Downtown Campus and School of Business, Fashion, Culinary Arts, Child Development, and Environmental Horticulture/Floristry, City College of San Francisco

Description: Self-care should always come first because it is the most important way to boost and maintain emotional, physical and mental health. However, we often forget to take care of ourselves first due to work-related responsibilities, obligations and expectations. The purpose of this session is to help administrators be more mindful that self-care leads to better overall health and to highlight ten self-care strategies.

2:00pm Announcements & Sponsor Information

2:15pm Emerging from the COVID-19 Pandemic: What Campus May Look Like in the Fall and What Districts Should Do to Prepare

Panelists: **Alysha Stein-Manes**, Associate, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, **Meredith Karasch**, Senior Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic is having an immense and wide-ranging impact on community college districts, their employees, and their students. Even as life returns to some semblance of normal, districts will continue to navigate new and complex issues related to the pandemic, including what the Fall semester might look like. In planning for the Fall, districts will need to consider federal, state, and local orders, guidance, and legal obligations and many other variables to decide how best to continue educating their students while promoting safe and healthy campuses and offices for employees, students, and families alike.

In this presentation we will discuss some of the critical issues community college districts face as a result of the pandemic, including:

- Legal obligations for maintaining a safe campus.
- Avoiding costly wage and hour mistakes involving telecommuting, reimbursement and off-the-clock working.
- How to effectively manage requests for leaves and accommodations.
- Issues surrounding vaccination policies, exemptions from vaccination requirements, and accommodating employees and students who refuse vaccinations.

3:00pm What you need to know about Student Attendance Accounting

Panelists: **Felipe Lopez**, Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Cerritos College; **John Mullen**, Senior Consultant, College Finance and Facilities Planning; **Elias M. Regalado**, Associate Vice President Finance and Administrative Services, Foothill College;

Wrenna Finche, Assistant Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning; **Natalie Wagner**, Director of Fiscal Standards, College Finance and Facilities Planning

Description: Did you know the Student Attendance Accounting Manual (SAAM) has been updated? This session is all about attendance accounting. We will summarize the key changes made in the SAAM to reflect current statutes and regulations, provide an overview on attendance accounting, provide examples in calculating FTES, and review attendance accounting implications relating to COVID-19.

Wednesday, May 19th

10:00am Announcements & Sponsor Information

10:15am Legislative Update

The League's Government Relations team will provide an overview of the latest action in both Sacramento and Washington DC. The Director of Government Relations, Andrew Martinez, and Jonathan Lightman, Consultant for the League, will provide an update on the 2021-22 Budget, focusing on the May Revise. Ryan McElhinney, Policy and Advocacy Manager for the League, will give a legislative update for the first year of the 2021-22 legislative session. Finally, Tom Downs, the Principal for Downs Government Affairs, will provide a federal update.

11:00am A Plan for An Equitable Recovery – Community College Finance Update

Lizette Navarette, Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning, Chancellor's Office; **Wrenna Finche**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning; **Natalie Wagner**, Director of Fiscal Standards, College Finance and Facilities Planning; **Hoang Nguyen**, Director of Facilities, College Finance and Facilities Planning; **Keith Nezaam**, Director of Fiscal Services, College Finance and Facilities Planning

California faces the dichotomy of an economic recovery that exacerbates inequalities for our most vulnerable residents while further enriching the wealthy. The state needs a plan for an equitable recovery and such a plan should include a commitment and investment in California's Community Colleges. This session will address scenarios shaping the budget debate going forward. Attendees will hear information focused on supporting colleges as they implement the 2020-21 state budget. This session will also cover important fiscal updates from the Chancellor's Office. Discuss the latest developments with regard to the state budget, fiscal and facilities issues and other topics of interest to CBOs.

