

Potential Policy Session Topics

What are the **3-5** most important policy issues for the full State Board of Community Colleges to better understand and discuss to inform SBCC action in the coming year? **Please indicate by circling your top 3-5 choices among the following topics and submit this sheet to your breakout group leader on Thursday:**

- a) Addressing Achievement Gaps: How do we identify, disseminate, and incentivize best practices?
- b) Barriers to Access: What are key obstacles to students enrolling in community colleges and what should we do about them?
- c) Campus Security and Disaster Preparedness: What are our System's strengths and weaknesses?
- d) College Employee Compensation and Professional Development: How do we better recruit and retain our own workforce?
- e) College Readiness: How do we prepare and support students to succeed in college-level courses?
- f) Credit for Prior Learning: How do we ensure credit is awarded where credit is due?
- g) Cybersecurity: What is the System's role in helping colleges address this risk?
- h) Distance Learning: How can we support more effective distance learning opportunities for our students?
- i) Educational Opportunities for Students with Disabilities: How can we partner with other agencies to better serve and support these students?
- j) Enrollment and Retention: What are the implications of the Enrollment Task Force's findings and recommendations?
- k) Labor Market Outcomes: What are our students' employment outcomes and how should those results inform our System's policies?
- l) NCCCS Workforce Certificates: Should we develop "NCCCS-branded" short-term workforce credentials (workforce continuing education certificates conferred by local colleges that represent a consistently defined set of learning outcomes)?
- m) Program Approval Process: Does our existing process adequately support our workforce goals?
- n) Teaching and Learning: Should we be doing more at the State level to support quality instruction?
- o) Other: _____