



CCCAST

California Community College Association of Student Trustees

June 27, 2014

The Honorable Das Williams
Chair Assembly Higher Education Committee
And Honorable Susan Bonilla
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 94248-0037

RE: SUPPORT of AB 2705

Dear Assemblyman Williams,

The California Community College Association of Student Trustees (CCCAST) endorses Assembly Bill 2705. The bill changes terms commonly used by the California Education Code to describe the hard-working professional educators who teach the majority of community college students. These educators are not only the majority, but they are the backbone of our education. More often than not, they are the educators that provide us, as students, with the turning points in our education that we all need to reach our goals.

AB 2705 replaces “part-time” and “temporary” with the term “contingent faculty,” which it holds is “a more accurate and useful term with which to refer to these educators, who are so integral to the successful functioning of the community colleges in this state.” The bill only changes terminology, but we feel that this is an important first step in addressing the inequitable two-tier professoriate that has emerged in the California community college system.

CCCAST is a state-wide organization composed entirely of community college students. We are educated by the very professionals directly impacted by AB 2705. Every day, we see the inequalities of the current system and hope that AB 2705 is the first step in removing the artificial distinctions that segregate contingent and non-tenure track faculty, and preclude their full participation in all that the colleges have to offer.

Sincerely,

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