

District Academic Senate Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 945 6769 9978

MINUTES

Attendance – Senate Presidents in parentheses

	Present
Officers	Angela Echeverri (President), Anna Nicholas (1 st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2 nd VP), Lourdes Brent (Secretary), Joshua Miller (Treasurer), John Freitas (Parliamentarian)
City	(Mickey Hong), Donna Morley, Joseph Ferrerosa
East	(Jeffrey Hernandez), David Hale, Cynthia Orozco, Jean Stapleton
Harbor	(Van Chaney)
Mission	(Carole Akl), Tracy Harkins, Esmeralda Montes, Ashley Sparks-Jamal
Pierce	(Barbara Anderson), Jamie Langan, Margarita Pillado, Sabrina Prieur, Eddie Tchertchian
Southwest	(Robert L. Stewart, Jr.), Naja El-Khoury, Katrin Wilson
Trade	(Marvin DaCosta), Paulette Bailey
Valley	Kevin Sanford
West	(Patricia Zuk), Adriana Martinez
Guests	Beth Abels (Pierce), Tariq Azim, Jessica Drawbond (Southwest), Wendy Hoffman (Harbor), George Leddy (Valley), Jason Librande (West), Farzaneh Saddigh (Harbor), Erum Syed (Southwest)

Call to Order:

District Academic Senate President Angela Echeverri called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Resolution on Meeting by Teleconferencing as Allowed under AB 361 (Hong/Anderson) M/S/P

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted as written
(Nicholas/Hale) M/S/P

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting were approved as amended
(Pillado/Martinez) M/S/P

Public Speakers:

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Farzaneh Saddigh, Chair of Math and Technology at L.A. Harbor College, expressed concern about re-organization of academic departments described as done unilaterally by the college president and outside of the shared governance process. She detailed the various changes made at Harbor, and shared further concerns about any ramifications these changes would have on evaluations, program review, Guided Pathways, Program Mapper, and student enrollment. Saddigh stated that concerns about these actions are proceeding through the union grievance process, but also recommended that the District Academic Senate (DAS) should take a stand on the grounds of retaining academic integrity. Wendy Hoffman, Business faculty member at Harbor, stated that she had been pressured into archiving courses and programs. She stated that Harbor’s senate had acted but had been overruled by President Dorado.

Action Items

1. DAS Calendar 2022-2023
(J. Hernandez/Hale) **M/S/P**

Echeverri announced that there would be a DAS/LACCD summit on September 30, 2022.

2. Resolution on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Curriculum
(Nicholas/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

J. Hernandez spoke in favor of the resolution, referencing positions taken by the ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges), as well as changes to Title 5, to require Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism in curriculum. All faculty, not just curriculum chairs and senates, are being requested to use DEIAA in curriculum. The resolution requests the ASCCC for a series of visits to local senates. This resolution is not intended to direct local senates or place an undue burden on them, but, rather, as a means of informing the LACCD administration so that there can be institutional support for these curricular efforts to advance DEI.

3. Effective the 23-24 academic year, the office of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE) will produce the Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Procedure (AP) content appropriate for inclusion in the 9 college catalogs to ensure accuracy and consistency in our publications, and to ensure compliance with ACCJC Standards and eligibility requirements. (Approved by DCC 9-12-22)
(Pillado/J. Hernandez) **M/S/P**

Atondo reported that eLumen is now “live.” This software also contains catalog modules, and gives the colleges the opportunity for consistency. A task force is working with Daniel Keller, LACCD Dean of Educational Support Services.

72 **4. At the next available LACCD Board Meeting agendaize the Associate of Arts for**
73 **Transfer Communication Studies 2.0 for adoption at the nine LACCD colleges**
74 **(from DCC) M/S/P**
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76 Atondo noted that this is a recent update to the Communications Studies Associate
77 Degree for Transfer (AD-T). The request to place it on the agenda of the LACCD Board of
78 Trustees meeting makes it easier for the colleges to adopt this degree as they do not
79 have to submit it separately, nor must they individually deactivate their initial
80 Communications Studies AD-Ts. This new degree does not impact catalog rights for our
81 students.

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83 **5. Approve Update to AP 4225-Repetition of Courses Not Designated as Repeatable**
84 **(J. Hernandez/Freitas) M/S/P – as amended**
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86 **MOTION: Amend Section II as follows (added language underlined):**

87 **“...apportionment is not claimed for the fourth enrollment. Repeated enrollments**
88 **may be completed at any of the LACCD colleges regardless of where the substandard**
89 **grade was earned. When a student...”**

90 **“A list of equivalent courses...remove a substandard grade. Students may petition to**
91 **have their coursework reviewed to alleviate a substandard grade at any of the LACCD**
92 **colleges regardless of which LACCD college the substandard course(s) to be alleviated**
93 **was completed.”**

94 (Atondo/J. Hernandez) M/S/P

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96 Stewart provided relevant context: [https://www.asccc.org/content/effective-practices-](https://www.asccc.org/content/effective-practices-support-transfer-students-who-repeat-courses-alleviate-substandard)
97 [support-transfer-students-who-repeat-courses-alleviate-substandard](https://www.asccc.org/content/effective-practices-support-transfer-students-who-repeat-courses-alleviate-substandard)
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99 **Point of personal privilege:** Observing that there were new members to DAS, Echeverri
100 asked all those present to introduce themselves.

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102 **Noticed Items**
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104 **1. Resolution on HyFlex Instructional Modality**
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106 Echeverri introduced the motion which the Senators discussed. Maddren received
107 accolades for his leadership on this issue. The California Community College Curriculum
108 Committee (5C) will discuss this modality, related apportionment issues, etc., and it is
109 possible that some guidelines may come from the state in the future. Senators were
110 urged to bring this issue to their local senates prior to DAS action in October.

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112 **2. Notice Approval of AP 5411 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices,**
113 **and concurrently approved for notice at the September 8 DAS meeting the rescission**
114 **of Administrative Regulation S-9 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Office**
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116 Freitas noted that this AP (Administrative Procedure) is part of the ongoing conversion
117 project – from Board Rules to Board Policies and from Administrative Regulations to
118 Administrative Procedures. This particular AP is the former S-9 which was not included
119 in the last series of reviews. There is nothing different in this AP from S-9 except for
120 technical changes, such as references from BR to BP and AP. Freitas will follow up to see
121 that this AP is taken to the Student Affairs Committee for consultation.

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123 Reports

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- 125 • **Officer Reports**

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127 **President**

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130 **LACCD Board of Trustees Report for Regular Meeting**

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August 3, 2022

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DAS President Angela C. Echeverri

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134 The Board meeting was held at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in a hybrid format.
135 Board President Gabriel Buelna called the meeting to order; five of the trustees were
136 present in person (Buelna, Veres, Vela, Iino, and Student Trustee Callahan) and
137 three attended remotely (Hoffman, Moreno, Henderson). The meeting [agenda](#) is
138 posted on Board Docs Plus and a [recording of the meeting](#) is on YouTube.

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140 **Reports from the Resource Table**

- 141 • **Dr. James McKeever**, AFT 1521 Faculty Guild President, thanked ELAC
142 President Dr. Albert Roman and newly elected Chapter Chair Stuart Souki for
143 hosting the Board meeting. He introduced his faculty colleague Dr. Shigero Julio
144 Tsuha, a Sociology professor and former director of the Dolores Huerta Institute,
145 thanking him for his dedication to Pierce students. He stated he was one of many
146 faculty loved their student and communities. He also spoke of the struggles and
147 achievements of Emily Andrade, a former student and commencement speaker
148 at Pierce who recently graduated with a degree in Sociology from UC Santa
149 Barbara. He closed his remarks by welcoming Dr. Anthony Culpepper, the new
150 president of Southwest College, stating this was a homecoming because he was a
151 longtime community member and former student of the college. McKeever spoke
152 of the LASW Community Coalition, made up of community organization as well
153 as members of the faculty and staff unions. He stated that the campus was
154 working to become a community hub, which could be a model for other colleges.
155 He added that LASW currently had the highest increase in enrollment in the
156 District as compared to last year. He concluded his remarks by wishing President
157 Culpepper success in his role as the president of the college.
- 158 • **Dr. Angela Echeverri**, District Academic Senate (DAS) President, stated that as
159 the District struggles to increase its enrollment after the COVID pandemic, it is
160 important to recognize and address the growing educational problems and

161 disparities in the communities we serve. She mentioned a recent [LA Times](#)
162 [article](#), which reports that up to 20,000 Los Angeles Unified School District
163 (LAUSD) students were not enrolled or stopped attending school last year. Many
164 of these students are caring for younger siblings or working one to two jobs to
165 make ends meet. LAUSD is also confronting a worsening daily attendance
166 problem; data from March of 2022 indicates that more than half (200,000) of K-
167 12 students were chronically absent during the last school year. She added that
168 pandemic related learning loss is disproportionately impacting English learners,
169 students of color, those with disabilities, students living in poverty, and the
170 unhoused. The impending passage of [AB 1705](#) (Irwin, 2022) will dramatically
171 change the mission of California Community Colleges and make it extremely
172 difficult to serve students who would benefit from pretransfer level math and
173 English courses after the pandemic. Echeverri stated that unless colleges
174 effectively push back against AB1705 and other misguided legislative intrusions
175 into curriculum, they will continue to shrink and lose enrollment, while
176 thousands of students will be disenfranchised from higher education. She
177 concluded her remarks by expressing her hope that all constituents could work
178 together to truly serve the educational needs of their communities during these
179 challenging times.

180 • **Christzann Ozan**, SEIU Local 99 representative, repeated previously expressed
181 concerns about abuse, bullying, and harassment of her members by custodial
182 supervisors, district employees, and management. She gave several examples of
183 alleged abuse and employee mistreatment at City and Trade Tech Colleges. Ozan
184 stated employees had resigned due to the hostile and unprofessional work
185 environment. She stressed that the District administration needs to stop
186 ignoring the problems and get actively involved to find solutions. She added that
187 unless these issues were adequately addressed by the District, it would continue
188 to deal with grievances and pay to settle lawsuits. She argued the solution was to
189 develop a policy to deal with nonsexual bullying and harassment in the
190 workplace. She reiterated she had been reporting on these issues for a long time
191 and asked whether it would take someone to get hurt in order for the Board to
192 finally take action.

193 • **Dr. Deborah Harrington**, introduced herself as the new Teamsters acting
194 president representing LACCD deans. She started in the LACCD in 1996 as a full-
195 time English faculty member at Valley and has been serving as the District's
196 Dean of Student Success since 2007. She congratulated her predecessor, Mary Jo
197 Apigo, who is transitioning into a new role as the interim Vice President of
198 Academic Affairs at Pierce College. Harrington expressed sadness about the
199 recent death of Vin Scully, the legendary Dodgers announcer. She concluded her
200 remarks by stating her members looked forward to negotiating a new collective
201 bargaining agreement (CBA) before the current one expires in June. She
202 affirmed her members deep commitment to student access, success, equity, and
203 completion and recognized the productivity, proactivity, and flexibility of her
204 members.

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206 **College President Reports**

207 Buelna invited the college presidents to comment or highlight anything from the
208 Chancellor’s report.

- 209 • **East:** President Albert Roman announced that East was holding several key
210 enrollment events during the month of August, designed to register and enroll
211 students for the fall 2022 term. In response to a question from Trustee Buelna
212 about recent enrollment trends, Roman replied that students at East historically
213 tend to enroll late for the fall semester. He added that high-touch strategies such
214 as calling targeted lists of students daily, leaving voice mails, and identifying
215 barriers such as financial aid or counseling services, appear to be working. He
216 expressed confidence the college would make significant gains in enrollment in
217 the last three weeks before the start of the fall. He predicted that most of the
218 colleges would probably reach or surpass last year’s enrollment figures. Roman
219 reported that the average class size for in-person classes was significantly higher
220 than last year and that hybrid/online classes were doing well. He added that
221 while dual enrollment and public service academy numbers were higher than in
222 Spring 2019, there was still significant work to do in the next weeks.
- 223 • **Harbor:** President Luis Dorado reported on efforts to increase enrollment with
224 early decision onboarding events to help students register for the fall. He stated
225 that students are requesting more in-person classes. He extended an invitation
226 to attend Harbor’s Transfer event scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, followed by
227 Harbor Palooza. The college is hosting a LAUSD South Area College Fair on
228 September 10 and on that same day their high school on campus will be
229 celebrating 20 years. He invited all to participate in a 5 K Reggie Run for
230 Education hosted by Harbor in October.
- 231 • **Pierce:** Interim President Ara Aguiar reported on a new job readiness noncredit
232 program at her college, called *Careers for a Cause*. The 6-week program has 50
233 student participants who have experienced homelessness, substance abuse,
234 domestic violence and/or have been justice involved. In addition to taking
235 classes, they are provided with housing assistance, food, Metro/gas cards,
236 laptops, job placement, weekly stipends, career clothing, and other services. This
237 program is a collaboration with several partners including Amity, the Pantry,
238 and Dress for Success.
- 239 • **Southwest:** Dr. Anthony Culpepper reported SW was focused on making sure
240 the community knows about their enrollment days; the college had already held
241 two and will be holding two more in August. They also plan to visit local high
242 schools and meet with administrators to encourage students to attend
243 Southwest. He added SW was proud of the enrollment gains made so far and was
244 planning for the Spring as the college continues to work on enrollment growth.
- 245 • **Valley:** President Barry Gribbons reported that Valley had three enrollment fairs
246 planned in August and continues to ensure students are offered excellent
247 services, both in person and online. Mission President Ornelas and Gribbons met
248 with regional LAUSD schools and developed plans to help students complete the
249 FAFSA, CCCApply, and enroll in the upcoming year. They are also working to
250 extend those efforts to Burbank Unified. He announced Valley received another

251 \$60,000 grant from the Hollywood Foreign Press and expressed his appreciation
 252 for their support.

- 253 • **Mission:** President Armida Ornelas reported that Mission continues to hold
 254 weekly enrollment events where students can receive assistance and wrap-
 255 around services. Like other colleges, Mission is gearing up for the Saturday
 256 August 13 enrollment event. That same day, Mission is also hosting a grand
 257 opening for the new Adult Education Center, which will provide students all
 258 services in one place, as well as a community resource fair with ~25 nonprofit
 259 agencies. Assemblywoman Luz Rivas will be holding a press conference to
 260 announce a \$10 Million gift to the college. Ornelas also reported on a partnership
 261 with a consortium of charter schools (Partnerships to Uplift Communities) that
 262 primarily serves the Northeast San Fernando Valley to work on Adult Education,
 263 dual enrollment, senior activities, and other efforts.
- 264 • **City:** President Gallagher focused on community work at City, announcing the
 265 college had recently completed a 6-week Animation bootcamp for 40 LAUSD
 266 high school students. City also held Saturday enrollment fairs at the Korean
 267 Youth Community Center. In July the Navasartian Games and Festival returned
 268 to City, with 30,000 people over three days. She reported on an augmented
 269 virtual reality program with 50 faculty across disciplines; 1,100 students
 270 participated. The CA Student Aid Commission reached out to City because they
 271 had the highest number of students applying for additional resources. City will
 272 also hold an enrollment event on August 13.
- 273 • **West:** President James Limbaugh reported West is pulling out all the stops to
 274 shore up its enrollment, including a campaign to reach out to 1,500 students
 275 who did not return. They have also rearranged their outreach efforts with a new
 276 welcome center. Limbaugh thanked the Board, Chancellor, and Maria Veloz for
 277 their advocacy and support in securing funding for the *Climate Change Education*
 278 *Center* at West. He reported they were developing partnerships with the CSU/UC
 279 Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Project and exploring partnerships
 280 with Alta Sea.
- 281 • **Trade:** Newly appointed interim president Bob Miller thanked the Board for the
 282 opportunity to serve the college and praised the dedicated faculty and staff who
 283 support, engage, and motivate its students. Over 400 students have registered
 284 for Trade’s upcoming open house, which will promote their nine pathways,
 285 Strong Workforce, LA College Promise, Umoja, Puente, CalWORKS, and several
 286 other programs. They also will hold two ***Roll in to Enroll*** events on August 18
 287 and 25, as well as virtual application and registration workshops through the
 288 end of August. In June, three Trade Culinary students participated in the Skills
 289 USA National Championship competition in Atlanta where student Francisco
 290 Hernandez was awarded the silver medal in culinary arts. Miller announce
 291 Edison International has selected its 2022 Lineworker Scholarship recipients.
 292 Twelve aspiring lineworkers will receive \$25,000 each for tuition, tools, and
 293 support services for their training at Trade. Edison launched this scholarship
 294 program in 2021 in collaboration with IBEW Local 47 to promote greater
 295 diversity among So Cal Edison lineworkers.

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Public Comment

Several speakers were allotted 3 minutes to address the Board on items on the agenda. Board Secretary Guadalupe Ramirez indicated that six people had signed up to speak and two had submitted written comments. Benjamin Resnick, a lawyer representing Hackman Capital urged the Board to not take action on item X.9, to authorize Chancellor Rodriguez (or his designee) to enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Hudson Pacific Properties for a 67-year Joint Occupancy Lease of District-Owned Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City. Resnick stated that three of the four bidders (Lowe Enterprises, Lincoln Property, and Hackman Capital) had filed protests about the RFP (request for proposals) and claimed there were many problems with the process which he could not adequately address in three minutes. Resnick argued that the project was not accurately identified in the RFP, which described it as primarily an office development. However, the winning bidder (Hudson) submitted a project that was mostly (53%) studios, sound stages, and production facilities, not office space. Resnick stated that the approved project was never contemplated by the bidders and local communities. He decried the lack of transparency and the fact that there were no rankings in the staff recommendation report. He told the trustees they lacked enough information to exercise independent judgment to make the award based on the staff recommendation submitted.

Resnick’s concerns were echoed by other representatives of other bidders, who alleged several irregularities in the process. They asked the Board to restart the process or continue the vote until a thorough and satisfactory review of all the proposals was completed. Another speaker argued either the RFP description was inaccurate or the District changed its mind about the nature of the project and asked the District to allow bidders to submit proposals for the project the LACCD was now seeking. Jeffrey Cooper, the former mayor of Culver City from 2010-2018 also argued the process was not transparent. He stated that no analysis of the proposals was provided to the community. He asked the Board to rescind the recommendation and restart the selection with greater outreach and detail in the decision-making process. Board President Buelna noted that two other individuals (Nick Carrol and Council member Girron Erickson) had provided written comments on this matter.

Reports from the Board

Buelna indicated there were no standing committee reports for the month of July and that the next committee meetings would take place on August 17.

Resolutions

The Board voted to approve the following resolutions:
1. Item F.1: Resolution to Hold Via Teleconference, the Board’s Committee meetings on August 17 and Board meeting on September 17, 2022: The resolution was approved unanimously.

342 **2. Item F.2: Resolution on District Academic Employees Retirement:** The
343 following retirees were recognized for their years for service: Craig Meyer (Pierce,
344 46 years), Arantzanu Rodriguez (Valley, 24 years), Karen Daar (Valley, 22 years),
345 Maggie Kendrick (Trade, 14 years), and Henri Feiner (West, 13 years).

346 **3. Item F.3: Resolution on District Classified Employees Retirement:** The
347 following retirees were recognized by the Board: Linda Fox (Southwest, 19 years),
348 Cheryl Morrison (City, 18 years), Carver Russaw (West, 7 years), and Michael Fuller
349 (ESC, 5 years).

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351 **Report from the Chancellor**

352 Chancellor Rodriguez's monthly reports are [posted online](#). He highlighted the
353 following items:

- 354 • **Update on COVID:** No masking mandate has been issued for LA County, but
355 masks are still highly recommended. COVID testing is still available for employees
356 at all colleges throughout the semester.
 - 357 • Monkeypox: Governor Newsom has declared a state of emergency and district
358 is monitoring situation closely
- 359 • **All-College Enrollment Fair and Open House on Saturday, August 13:** This is
360 one of many activities planned to boost enrollment. Students who enroll full time
361 will receive laptops, transit passes, and two years of free tuition. The fall semester
362 begins on August 29, 2022.
- 363 • **Fall 2022 semester:** Fall course offerings are about 50% in person and 50% are
364 online or hybrid. Enrollments in six of the nine LACCD colleges enrollments are
365 over 100% of last year's numbers. Three of the colleges are in the 90% range
366 compared to 2021. Black student enrollment is up over 10%, Latino enrollment is
367 up 3%, and male student enrollment has increased, while female enrollment has
368 dropped. The under 20-year-old group is up over 20%, which is great news for
369 College Promise students and enrollment of students over 55 is up 9%.
- 370 • **November 2022 Facilities Bond:** Last month the Board authorized a \$5.3 Billion
371 general obligation bond for the November 8, 2022 ballot to address
372 infrastructure needs, replace pre-1970s buildings, invest in sustainability and
373 technology, acquire real estate, improve housing, and build athletics facilities. The
374 District will be engaged in an education campaign to inform the public of the
375 bond provisions. If approved, this would be the fifth bond measure, after the
376 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2016 bonds were approved.
- 377 • **Special recognitions:** Chancellor Rodriguez recognized Dr. McKeever for
378 receiving the statewide Hayward faculty award. He also recognized Trade
379 Architecture professor Marcela Oliva, who was named Educator of the Year by the
380 American Institute of Architects, LA for her work on how architecture can lead to
381 social change. Vice Chancellor Rueben Smith was also recognized by the Asian
382 American Architects and Engineers for his leadership in the bond program.

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384 Trustee Moreno asked Chancellor Rodriguez asked how many students were
385 expected to attend in-person classes in the future. Rodriguez replied that before the
386 pandemic ~19% of classes were offered online, but in the fall of 2022 about 50% of

387 classes are scheduled to be online. Rodriguez argued that didn't mean there would
388 be 50% fewer students coming to the colleges as many students use the facilities for
389 other purposes (student services, counseling, library, fitness centers, and tutoring).

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391 **Consent Calendar**

392 The Board approved the consent calendar items I1 through V8 (except item O13).

393 The Board was informed that the California Education Code allows for the student
394 trustee to be recognized as a full member of the Board for the purpose of pulling an
395 item from the agenda. At the request of the student trustee, the Board voted to pull
396 item O13 (License Agreement with Cleared4, Inc. to extend the subscription service
397 verification platform to monitor and manage COVID- 19 related safety and
398 compliance). Deputy Chancellor Nish explained that Cleared4 will be the repository
399 for employee vaccination and daily check-in records, adding that Board Policy the
400 District keep these records. After a discussion of the agreement, the Board voted to
401 approve the agreement.

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403 **Facilities Items**

404 The Board approved facilities items X1-X9, excluding X6 and X9.

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406 **Facilities Item X6:** Authorize agreements with firms to provide College Project
407 Leadership Team services from September 1, 2022 for a period of three (3) years
408 with two (2) one (1) year options through August 31, 2027 at a cost not-to-exceed
409 \$61,036,20.

410 • Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that over the
411 last two years they have discussed whether to keep MATOC (Multiple Award
412 Task Order Contract) or transition to another system; last year a hybrid model
413 was proposed. They are now making a recommendation on nine firms to oversee
414 construction management work at the campuses.

415 • **Vote:** After a discussion, the agreement was approved unanimously

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417 **Facilities Item X9:** Determine that Hudson Pacific Properties is the Successful
418 Proposer with Respect to Request For Proposals RFP for a Joint Occupancy Ground
419 Lease of the District-Owned Real Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard,
420 Culver City, and Authorize the Chancellor or his Designee to Enter into an Exclusive
421 Negotiation Agreement with Hudson Pacific Properties

422 • Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that the
423 proposed developed is for 13.7 acres of District owned property. The staff
424 recommendation is from a seven-person evaluation panel consisting of District
425 staff and outside experts that performed a review of each proposal. Smith noted
426 that this item was withdrawn for consideration twice, in June and July of 2022.

427 • Trustee Moreno brought up the concerns brought up by the other bidders and
428 asked whether there was any validity to their claims. Chancellor Rodriguez
429 asked Kevin Randolph to address Moreno's concerns. Randolph replied that the
430 Hudson Pacific project was indeed primarily an office project, which did not
431 seem to convince Moreno.

- 432 • **Public Comment:** The Board allowed an additional 3-minute comment period
433 for Benjamin Resnick, a lawyer representing one of the bidders, who rebutted
434 Kevin Randolph’s assertion Hudson’s proposal was primarily an office project
435 • **Vote:** After a lengthy discussion, the exclusive negotiating agreement was
436 approved with Trustee Moreno voting against approval
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438 **Administrative Contracts**

439 The Board voted to approve employment contracts for:

- 440 • Interim President Robert Miller (Trade) August 1, 2022 through August 30, 2022
441 • Interim President Kathleen Burke (Trade) August 31, 2022 through December
442 31, 2022
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444 **Academic Travel**

445 The Board vote to approve travel expenses for an additional five (5) faculty and staff
446 from LACCD will travel to Ghana in collaboration with A2MEND, to participate in the
447 All-African Diaspora Education Summit held at the University of Cape Coast,
448 September 19th -24th, 2022. Anticipated travel dates are September 18th – 25th,
449 2022.
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451 **Recommendations from the Chancellor**

452 The Board voted to approve Interim Vice Chancellor Katrina VanderWoude as the
453 official LACCD representative to Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium
454 (LARAEC), replacing Interim Vice Chancellor Nicole Albo-Lopez who previously
455 served in this role until August 3, 2022.
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457 **Public Comment**

458 Since there were no additional public comments, the Board recessed to closed
459 session.
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461 **Personal Note**

462 The Board’s approval of the exclusive negotiating agreement (ENA) for a 66-year
463 lease with Hudson Pacific over the vocal protests of other bidders and members of
464 the public raises the possibility that the District may face future legal challenges or
465 community pushback on this front. Trustee Moreno did not vote in support of the
466 ENA, citing concerns expressed by several of the public speakers. Regardless of
467 whether the RFP process was flawed or not, the approval of a project of such an
468 enormous consequence should have been undertaken with greater transparency to
469 reassure the public and bidders alike.
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471 On the legislative front, the likely approval of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) is a major
472 concern for faculty organizations throughout the state as most of their proposed
473 amendments were rejected. As I have argued consistently, the elimination of most
474 pretransfer math and English classes and other curricular intrusions will
475 disenfranchise thousands of students who have experienced an unprecedented
476 period of learning loss during the pandemic and result in additional enrollment

477 losses to the system. The District’s loss of about one-third of its enrollment since the
478 start of the pandemic and AB 705 implementation, will present major challenges to
479 all of our colleges for years to come. Due to the recent influx of HEERF funds and the
480 hold harmless provision (which is scheduled to end in 2025), the colleges are not
481 yet feeling the pain normally associated with enrollment losses of such magnitude.
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483 The meeting [agenda](#) is posted on Board Docs Plus and a [recording of the meeting](#) is
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486 As part of her oral report at today’s meeting, Echeverri referenced her written August
487 Board Report, and summarized the September 7, 2022 meeting of the LACCD Board of
488 Trustees. The trustees continue to meet in a hybrid format; this approach seems to
489 work fairly well except for the audio quality in the teleconference. New leaders at
490 several of the colleges were introduced, at the Board meeting, including AFT (American
491 Federation of Teachers) Faculty Guild President, James McKeever, Interim Vice
492 Chancellor of EPIE (Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness) Nicole Albo-
493 Lopez, Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Shairon Zingsheim, and Vice
494 Chancellor of Workforce Katrina VanderWoude. There was ongoing concern at the
495 Board meeting about a proposed development of a District-owned parcel on Jefferson
496 Boulevard, adjoining the campus of West L. A. College, owing to the length of the lease
497 (67 years) and the exclusive nature of the negotiations (see details above).
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499 Both houses of the California state legislature passed AB 1705. This legislation has been
500 a major concern for faculty organizations statewide, as it would eliminate most
501 pretransfer English and Math courses. Also of concern is legislative intrusion in
502 curriculum, especially in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, and Mathematics), CTE
503 (Career Technical Education), and Non-Credit, as well as the disenfranchisement of
504 students. There has been documented learning loss among K-12 students (kindergarten
505 through 12th grade) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic – the largest drop since those
506 scores have been measured. Moreover, such learning losses have not been equitable,
507 with the greatest losses among African-American and Latinx students. By removing the
508 option of taking courses, especially classes in English and Math which are below
509 transfer-level, the combination of AB 705 and 1705 have the ultimate potential of
510 changing the mission of the California Community Colleges (CCC) and of hurting
511 enrollment. District enrollment is stabilizing, but still down from 2019. For the
512 moment, budgetary negative consequences are mitigated since the state budget has a
513 hold harmless provision for CCC allocations until 2025, and there is additional funding
514 through HEERF (High Education Emergency Relief Fund). However, if enrollment does
515 not expand, the LACCD is in danger of rebasing.
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517 There are plans for a joint DAS/LACCD summit on September 30, 2022. That would be
518 the first since the pandemic. It will likely be a half-day in the morning and be held
519 virtually. Chancellor Rodriguez will participate. Echeverri will send out a save the date
520 announcement.

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1st Vice President

- District Discipline Day**
- Equivalency**
- Project MATCH**

DAS 1st VP Report for DAS meeting on September 8, 2022 (Anna Nicholas)

I am happy to report that the language on the District website <https://www.laccd.edu/Employment/Pages/Academic-Jobs.aspx> has been changed to reflect the wording proposed in the Equivalency Committee’s resolution passed on May 9, and then amended and approved by the DAS Executive Committee on June 3rd .

I am also happy to report that AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies has been adopted on July 12, 2022, and posted to BoardDocs.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to these two positive outcomes.

The first Equivalency Committee meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year is on Monday, 9/12/22 from 2 to 4 pm on Zoom.

2nd Vice President

- AB 928 and AB 111 Updates**
- DCC**
- eLumen**

Atondo reported that the District Curriculum Committee (DCC) will meet on September 9, 2022, where there should be updates on graduation requirements, curriculum development, and eLumen.

Treasurer

Miller reported that senate funds to the colleges have been released. The possibility of managing DAS funds through the LACCD Foundation is being explored.

Secretary

Brent reported that work continues on the website migration project and making sure that public-facing information continues as such. Senate presidents are requested to advise regarding changes to college representation to the DAS.

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Freitas reported that the Board Rules re-alignment project continues. It is anticipated that chapter 9 APs will be completed in the spring semester. There is a DAS constitution and bylaws committee which will review the documents to see what needs to be updated.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Administrator Retreat Rights**

Nicholas reported that the work group will meet in the next two weeks. A big issue has been turnover in the LACCD Human Resources division.

- **Professional Development College**

Brent reported that the Professional Development College (PDC) had an excellent seminar on Robert’s Rules and the Brown Act at the end of the spring semester. This summer, there was a successful roundtable discussion on AB 1705, with panelists representing FACCC (Faculty Association of California Community Colleges), the ASCCC, the AFT, and DAS. The PDC also hosted a presentation from Harbor faculty member Dr. Azeb Bhutia on stress and wellbeing. The PDC continues its collaboration with the Sustainable Environment Institute (SEI), with seminars over the summer and throughout the fall. Registration and FLEX credit are through the Vision Resource Center and recordings are available through the VRC; SEI recordings are also on their website. Brent also referenced other PDC areas for 2022-2023.

- **Sustainable Environment Institute**

Leddy detailed upcoming seminars, including Climate Politics (September 22nd), Aridity (October 20th), and Mental Health and Climate Anxiety (November 10th). Abels reported on an excellent discussion at the Heat seminar (August 18th) with Jason Finley from Pierce, and Marta Segura, the Chief Heat Officer of the City of Los Angeles. The Sustainable Environment Institute will begin a community of practice to help faculty embed sustainability throughout the curriculum.

- **Online Education and Academic Technology – no report**

- **District Budget (DBC)**

Echeverri reported that the LACCD adopted its final budget at the September 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Approximately 50% of instruction is online, and continued online and hybrid course offerings are anticipated. In student services, counseling faculty have expressed their safety concerns in

608 public comment at Board meetings (small offices, poor ventilation, and
609 crowding).

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- 611 • **District Planning** – no report
- 612 • **Guided Pathways** – no report
- 613 • **Others**

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615 **Discussion Items**

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617 **1. Planning for 2022-2023:**

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- 619 • **ASCCC Events**
- 620 • **LACCD Events: Joint Summit, Professional Development College, Sustainable**
- 621 **Environment Institute, and Request for Technical Assistance-Collegiality in Action Visit**
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623 Stewart announced that the ASCCC Area C meeting will be October 15, 2022. The dates
624 for the 2022 Fall Plenary Session are November 3-5, 2022. This event will be in a hybrid
625 format, with the in-person component in Sacramento. Stewart is currently chairing or
626 sitting on a number of ASCCC-related committees. Echeverri noted that, typically, the
627 DAS pays for one delegate from each college; more might be possible if the budget
628 permits. The joint DAS/LACCCD Summit will be on September 30, 2022, and will held
629 virtually from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She shared a tentative agenda.

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631 Stewart provided the following links to upcoming ASCCC events and webinars:

- 632 • <https://www.asccc.org/events/2022-fall-plenary-session-hybrid-event>
- 633 • <https://www.asccc.org/events/general-education-locally-and-transfer-ab-928>
- 634 • [https://www.asccc.org/events/role-local-academic-senates-and-curriculum-](https://www.asccc.org/events/role-local-academic-senates-and-curriculum-committees-regard-general-education)
635 [committees-regard-general-education](https://www.asccc.org/events/role-local-academic-senates-and-curriculum-committees-regard-general-education)
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637 Echeverri will seek an update on how the LACCD is using Equal Employment Opportunity
638 and Guided Pathways funds; this will be placed on the consultation agenda. The
639 technical assistance/collegiality in action visit has been rescheduled for October 21,
640 2022.

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642 **2. COVID-19 Update:**

- 643 • **Vaccination, Testing, and Mask Mandates**
- 644 • **Brown Act Meeting Requirements**
- 645 • **Instructional Delivery**
- 646 • **Other Items**
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648 Echeverri reported that students no longer have to be vaccinated, although employees
649 must be fully vaccinated. Masking is not required; testing remains available at the
650 colleges and at the Educational Services Center (ESC), a.k.a., the district office.

651 Continuing our DAS meetings remotely is both sustainable and encourages participation.
652 As long as we have a state of emergency, we can continue to meet via teleconferencing.
653 If we begin to meet in person, we will try to have central venues. Freitas observed that
654 the current Brown Act can permit us to meet via teleconference if the colleges have a
655 central site where its DAS representatives are located for the meeting. J. Hernandez
656 included the following information on AB 2449 regarding open meetings and
657 teleconferencing:

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https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449

661 Echeverri also noted that there is no official designation of HyFlex courses in schedules
662 of classes as that issue related to wages, hours, and working conditions is currently
663 being negotiated between the faculty union (AFT 1521 Faculty Guild) and the LACCD
664 Administration.

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666 **3. AP 2510: Participation in Local Decision Making**

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668 **4. AB 705 and 1705 Update:**

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- 671 • **Update on AB 1705 and Amendments**
- 672 • **Impact on CTE, STEM, and Noncredit**
- 673 • **Impact of Learning Disruption due to COVID-19**
- 674 • **AB 705 Task Force Requests from English, Math, ESL Faculty**
- 675 • **Problems Using One Year Throughput Rates as Sole Metric in Validation**
676 **Process**
- 677 • **Course Success Rates and Equity Gaps**
- 678 • **Pierce Math Program Pilot**
- 679 • **Other Recommendations**

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681 Echeverri reported that amendments proposed by the ASCCC and by FACCC to AB 1705
682 were rejected by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, the proponent of the legislation.

683 Instead, there were new amendments affecting Science, Technology, Engineering, and
684 Mathematics (STEM) majors, Career-Technical Education (CTE), and Non-Credit classes.

685 In this respect, the California Legislature is micromanaging curriculum. J. Hernandez
686 included the following article relevant to AB 1705:

687 [https://edsource.org/2022/dozens-of-community-colleges-offer-remedial-classes-bill-](https://edsource.org/2022/dozens-of-community-colleges-offer-remedial-classes-bill-to-ban-them-awaits-newsoms-signature/677640)
688 [to-ban-them-awaits-newsoms-signature/677640](https://edsource.org/2022/dozens-of-community-colleges-offer-remedial-classes-bill-to-ban-them-awaits-newsoms-signature/677640)

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690 Tchertchian co-chairs the LACCD AB 705 task force, and suggested that we need to offer
691 the courses which the students want and need, not what is legislated to them. More
692 legislative overreach is being seen in the transfer paths, as recent amendments to AB
1705 include curricular changes in STEM. Citing the 50% Law, i.e., that 50% of funding

693 must be spent on instruction, Tchertchian posited that by cutting sections, we are
694 approaching a violation of 50% law.
695 [https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Fiscal-Standards-and-Accountability-Unit/Fifty-Percent-Law)
696 [Facilities-Planning/Fiscal-Standards-and-Accountability-Unit/Fifty-Percent-Law](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Fiscal-Standards-and-Accountability-Unit/Fifty-Percent-Law)

698 **MOTION: *Extend the meeting by 10 minutes***

699 (J. Hernandez/Nicholas) **M/S/P**

700 **No:** Montes, Sparks-Jamal, Zuk

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702 J. Hernandez anticipates long-term effects in the community, and recommended that
703 the DAS needs to develop greater communication with members of the Board of
704 Trustees and with legislators. One way to do that is to reframe the conversation and
705 reshape the focus. If the intent is greater student success, then, as faculty, we can
706 embrace that narrative as we bring credibility when we speak about our students.
707 Echeverri thanked both Brown and J. Hernandez for serving on the ASCCC Legislative
708 and Advocacy Committee.

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710 **5. Legislative Update:**

711 • **AB 928: Student Transfer and Achievement Reform Act of 2021**

712 • **AB 1111: Common Course Numbering**

713 • **Proposed Legislation**

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715 **6. Update on Joining California Virtual College-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI)**

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717 Echeverri reported that all LACCD colleges have now agreed to join so that we may join
718 as a district.

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720 **Future Dates and Upcoming Events:**

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722 **LACCD Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – Hybrid

723 **District Curriculum Committee:** Friday, September 9, 2022, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Zoom

724 **District Budget Committee:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022

725 **DAS Consultation Meeting:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – Zoom

726 **LACCD Board Standing Committees:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – Hybrid

727 **DAS Executive Committee:** Friday, October 7, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. – Zoom

728 **DAS Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 - 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Zoom

729 **ASCCC Fall Plenary:** November 3-5, 2022 – Hybrid

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731 **Adjournment**

732 (J. Hernandez/Anderson) **M/S/P**

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734 The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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736 Respectfully submitted by Lourdes M. Brent, DAS Secretary