Committee: Mike Eng, Chair; Mona Field, Vice Chair; and Scott Svonkin, Member

Chair Eng called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS
None.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Legislation Authorship

There being no objection, Chair Eng took out of order New Business, Item B. Concurrent Enrollment Update.

Concurrent Enrollment Update

A document entitled “Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Summary” was distributed.

Mr. Patrick McCallum, Legislative Advocate, McCallum Group, Inc., gave a summary of the status of Concurrent/Dual Enrollment.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding Concurrent/Dual Enrollment.

Mr. McCallum announced and discussed the newly elected chairs for the California State Assembly Higher Education Committee and Budget Committee.

Mr. McCallum discussed the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) plan for January regarding the 2015 LACCD Legislative Priorities lobbying efforts in Sacramento and the time frame of events.

For the record: Vice Chair Field stated that the LACCD students who are participating at the Legislative Day in January need to be educated on the purpose of the LACCD’s lobbying efforts and the scheduled time frame of events. She indicated that she has done this on several occasions and offered her expertise to prepare the LACCD students who are going to Sacramento in January.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the Legislative Day in January 2015.

Chair Eng indicated that at the next Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2015, the Committee will be provided with the complete schedule of events for the LACCD Legislative Day in January 2015.
Vice Chair Field requested that the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors (BOG) Lobby Day on March 2, 2015 be added to the list of visits to Sacramento as it approaches and information becomes available.

Member Svonkin expressed his concern that the LACCD legislative visits to Sacramento are usually with a large group of individuals with different interests. He indicated that it might be more beneficial if the LACCD approaches legislation on a personal level in order to have a more positive outcome when presenting the LACCD issues and bills of interest.

Chair Eng concurred with Member Svonkin’s concerns and requested that Mr. McCallum advise the Committee on strategies for future meetings in Sacramento with legislators and the LACCD delegation.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Advocacy Update

A document entitled “Transmittal Letter/Introduction, Holland & Knight” was distributed.

Chair Eng stated that in response to the LACCD Request for Qualifications for Federal Lobbying Services, Holland & Knight LLP was selected to secure lobbying services for the LACCD so that it can increase its visibility at the federal level and enhance the possibility of securing grants and federal resources.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding various opportunities that Holland & Knight LLP will be providing with respect to the Board’s goals, accreditation, and securing grants that are geared towards the LACCD students.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez discussed the many opportunities Holland & Knight LLP will be providing to the LACCD with their extensive years of experience and their strong ties with key associations that will help the LACCD reach its goals. He indicated that Holland & Knight LLP will make a presentation to the Committee in February.

Chair Eng requested that Holland & Knight LLP inform the Committee as to funding opportunities and the LACCD accreditation priorities.

For the record: Member Svonkin highlighted the values and benefits of the newly established relationship with Holland & Knight LLP.

Career Pathways Trust Proposal Update

Documents entitled “Section 1: Background Information (10 points)” and “Career Pathway Proposal Support Letters” were distributed.

Chair Eng made several inquiries regarding various sections of the application process with respect to the Career Pathway Proposal Round 2 collaborative efforts to support internships for the LACCD students.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the Career Pathway Proposal Round 2 application process.

Mr. McCallum indicated that Mr. Thomas A. Torlakson, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is available January 12 or January 16, 2015 to meet with Chancellor Rodriguez to discuss “Career Pathway Trust Proposal.”
Chair Eng recommended that after the grant is submitted that staff work with Mr. McCallum to determine an appropriate action to follow up with lobbying efforts for a positive outcome before the final decision is made on the LACCD’s Career Pathway grants to be awarded.

**DISCUSSION**

None.

**SUMMARY -- NEXT MEETING**

Chair Eng indicated that the next Committee meeting would be scheduled for January 14, 2015 and that the “Career Pathways Proposal Update” and “SB 86” will be on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.