DISTRICT-WIDE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Committees of the Governing Board

To fulfill its statutory duties and responsibilities and support the implementation of the District’s mission and the goals outlined in the District Strategic Plan, the Board President annually assigns Trustees to committees that review the following areas:

Finance and Audit Committee
The Finance and Audit Committee reviews and recommends adoption of the tentative budget to the full Board by July 1st of each year. It reviews and recommends adoption of the final Budget to the Board by September 15th of each year. It also reviews and recommends the acceptance of the annual financial audits for both the general financial operation of the District and the bond program's financial audit to the full Board. Additionally it reviews Quarterly Financial Reports and reviews Internal Audit Reports semi annually and/or quarterly. It receives information on bond financing issues and reviews revenue-generating plans and/or the development of public/private partnerships.

Capital Construction Committee
The Capital Construction Committee has several functions. It acts as the public forum for presentations on the college master plans, certification of environmental impact reports, and related, necessary actions. It facilitates discussion on compliance with Board-established sustainability and energy goals to further advance sustainability and energy goals for the infrastructure and curriculum as new concepts and technologies are brought forward. It also receives reports on accomplishments and general policy compliance, hears policy issues, receives briefings on technical bonds matters such as insurance, labor compliance, Proposition 39 compliance, and any other matter related to the District's sustainable building program. Additionally, it receives formal conceptual design presentations on each new building and remodeling project with budgets in excess of $5 million prior to approval of the design concept. Finally, it considers and discusses other related matters as may be deemed appropriate by the Chair in consultation with Chancellor and President of the Board.

Legislative Committee
The Legislative Committee makes recommendations and considers proposals regarding legislative initiatives for the benefit of the District. It also makes recommendations and reviews proposed state and federal statutory and regulatory legislation. Additionally, it reviews the effectiveness of authorized lobbying efforts on behalf of the District. Finally, it considers and discusses other related matters as may be deemed appropriate by the Chair in consultation with the Chancellor and President of the Board.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee
The Institutional Effectiveness Committee reviews and approves a coordinated timeline for institutional effectiveness and accreditation planning processes throughout the District. Likewise, it reviews and provides feedback on indicators of institutional effectiveness so that common elements, themes, and terms can be identified, reviewed, and agreed upon. It also monitors college compliance with the Standards of Accreditation of the Association of Community Colleges and Junior Colleges and existing planning and evaluation practices relative to student completion initiatives. Facilitating the review, update, and revision of the long-range
strategic plan and goals every five years is another responsibility of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. The Committee also discusses potential new or revised curricular programs and services within the District, and encourages the development of new programs and services as may be appropriate. Additionally, the Institutional Effectiveness Committee considers and discusses other related matters as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee Chair in consultation with the Chancellor and President of the Board.

**Student Affairs Committee**

Chaired by the Student Trustee and comprised of the Associated Student Organization presidents of the nine colleges as well as additional Board members and staff liaisons, the Student Affairs Committee bears responsibility for hearing all issues related to the quality of student life. These issues, identified by committee members each year, have included topics such as the escalating price of college textbooks, the availability of financial aid, and the quality of the physical environment.

**Committee of the Whole on Innovation and Special Issues (Committee)**

The Committee was developed in January 2012 to enhance existing relationships with public and private sector partners that have a mutual interest in the academic and training success of the Los Angeles Community College District students. Those partners are represented by leaders in public higher education, the business community, the arts, and the public policy arena, among others. The working format includes a guest lecture from one of the aforementioned sectors before their Board of Trustees on a subject that directly impacts prospective current or recently graduated LACCD students. The presentation is followed by a dialogue with the members of the Board of Trustees that will, as primary outcome, facilitate new opportunities for LACCD students. The committee meetings act as a formal invitation to initiate, reconfirm or redefine a collaborative and strategic effort to serve LACCD students more effectively.