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LACCD Board Leadership Elected for 2016-17
Scott Svonkin elected to a historic third consecutive term as president

(LOS ANGELES) The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees elected officers for its 2016-17 academic year at its annual organizational meeting last night. Scott J. Svonkin was reelected to a third consecutive term as president, the first time in the district’s nearly 75-year history a president will serve three consecutive years. Sydney Kamlager-Dove was elected to serve as vice-president; Mike Fong was elected to serve as second vice-president.

Svonkin was elected to the LACCD board in 2011 and reelected in 2015. He is serving a three year term as a member of President Barack Obama’s College Promise National Advisory Board, a campaign which supports responsible students to attend community college tuition free.

“It’s been honor to serve as president for two years and I’m humbled that I was elected to serve an historic third term,” said Svonkin. “I am excited to be leading the board through the next year where the focus is on our students, ensuring they have world class facilities and our taxpayer’s money is spent as they intended. We will also launch the Los Angeles College Promise which will allow us to attract and enroll graduating LAUSD high school seniors to one of our colleges’ tuition free beginning fall of 2017. ”

Kamlager-Dove was elected to the board in 2015. During the past year she worked to expand opportunities for small and diverse firms to access the district, established a pipeline between the district and the courts system, optimized supportive services for students who were formerly in the foster care system and students who were formerly incarcerated. Kamlager-Dove also helped restore funding to the district’s African American Outreach Initiative.

“I’m honored that my colleagues support me in this role,” said Kamlager-Dove. “I will do all that I can to serve not only the students in our district, but the faculty, staff and our mission.”

Fong was elected to the board in 2015. During this past year he served as the board’s chair of the Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success committee and vice chair of the Legislative & Public Affairs committee.

“I’m very honored to serve and look forward to working with my board colleagues, the chancellor, faculty and staff on the Los Angeles College Promise and building out the work source center system on our campuses,” said Fong. “We want to embrace the hopes and aspirations of our community college students and make sure that we provide the opportunities they need to succeed.”

About the Los Angeles Community College District

The Los Angeles Community College District, the nation’s largest community college district, serves one-quarter million students a year in more than 36 cities in Los Angeles County at its nine colleges. The District covers nearly 900 square miles and has educated and trained the region’s diverse workforce since 1969.

Members of the Board

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