

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 • 2:00 p.m.
Educational Services Center • Board Room
770 Wilshire Boulevard • Los Angeles, California 90017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District was called to order at 2:10 p.m. with Vice President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Luis Gomez was not present (arrived at 2:17 p.m.).

Chancellor Darroch F. Young was present.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS

There being no objection, Mrs. Lynn Garcia addressed the Board regarding the following topic:

Proposed Actions

Com. No. 2/A. March 15th Letter

Mrs. Garcia addressed the Board with her concerns regarding various situations on campus that have had a negative impact on her continued employment with the District. She distributed copies of her remarks.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to recess to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act and the Education Code. The Board will discuss the matters on the Closed Session agenda as posted and announced (see Attachment A).

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 2:16 p.m.

(Student Trustee Gomez arrived at 2:17 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:48 p.m. with Vice President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Luis Gomez was present.

Chancellor Darroch F. Young was present.

Trustee Field offered the Opening Thoughts. She introduced Mr. Donald Singer, member of the Board of Trustees, San Bernardino Community College District, and member of the CCCT Board of Directors.

Trustee Mercer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Field, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – February 21, 2007

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice President Scott-Hayes declared that nominations were open for the position of President of the Board.

Trustee Candaele nominated Trustee Mercer.

Trustee Field seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Vice President Scott-Hayes declared the nominations closed. She requested that the Trustees indicate their vote by a roll call.

The following votes were recorded:

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
6 Ayes (Candaele, Field, Furutani, Mercer, Pearlman, Scott-Hayes)

Vice President Scott-Hayes relinquished the gavel to President-elect Mercer.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Mr. Carl Friedlander, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, congratulated the Board members who were reelected to the Board of Trustees in yesterday's Primary Election and extended his best wishes to Trustee Mercer in her runoff election on May 15, 2007.

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Mr. Matt Corwin, ASU President, ELAC, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the high cost of college textbooks.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

Com. No. 2/B. Help Al Gore improve climate crises by building a grass playing field at LACC instead of synthetic

Scheduled speaker Mr. Duke Russell was not present.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – March 7, 2007

President Mercer indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board took no actions that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Pearlman reported on this morning’s Infrastructure Committee meeting at which there were presentations and discussion regarding the following projects: LAMC Family and Consumer Studies Building; LAVC Roadways, Walks, Grounds, Parking & Lighting (RWGPL); LAVC MTA Bus Station Extension; and WLAC Temporary Haul Road.

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Trustee Candaele reported on this morning’s Budget and Finance Committee meeting at which there was a presentation regarding the 2005-06 Annual Audit.

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Student Trustee Gomez indicated that the next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee will be held on Friday, March 16, 2007. He reported on his recent meetings with the state legislators in Sacramento at which he requested their support of the California Community College Initiative.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – Cesar A. Chavez

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustee Scott-Hayes:

- WHEREAS, March 31 has been designated a day of honor commemorating the birthday of Cesar Chavez; and
- WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) and dedicated his life to making a better world for migrant farm workers; and
- WHEREAS, The united farm worker of the UFW has become part of the history of American labor through its struggles for basic workers’ rights in California’s fields and vineyards; and
- WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a nonviolent human being who would fast in order to inspire members of the UFW to commit themselves to nonviolence in their struggle to win recognition and justice and to focus the world’s attention on the suffering that migrant farm workers had endured for many generations; and

- WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a labor leader who represented a union composed of a multicultural constituency of rank-and-file workers; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District honors Cesar Chavez as a national civil rights leader who worked against poverty and injustice; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District joins in celebrating the many accomplishments of Cesar Chavez that stand as an example to all people who struggle for social justice and nonviolent change.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – California Community College Month

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt Com. No. BT2. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Furutani, Mercer, and Scott-Hayes:

- WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges are an essential resource to the State of California, its people, and its economy; and
- WHEREAS, California's 109 community colleges provide an excellent general education foundation for more than 70,000 students per year who transfer into the California State University system, the University of California system, and independent colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges train students to be competitive in today's demanding workforce, ensuring those students a productive, higher-wage future and providing the state's fastest-growing industries the skilled labor upon which their success depends; and
- WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges bring higher education within the reach of every Californian because of their open admissions, low enrollment fees, financial assistance for low-income students, academic and career guidance, excellent teaching by dedicated faculty, and specialized support services for students who need extra help with the transition to college or mastering college-level coursework; and
- WHEREAS, During the Spring 2006 semester, approximately 1.60 million Californians enrolled in a community college course or program to upgrade their job skills, train for a first or a new career, begin work towards a bachelor's degree, improve language or math skills, or pursue a thirst for knowledge; and
- WHEREAS, Community colleges provide a welcome into higher education for California's population in all of its diversity of race, ethnicity, and national origin; and
- WHEREAS, April is celebrated as Community College Month across the nation; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby recognizes April 2007 as California Community College Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby commends the nation's community colleges on 100 years of opportunity and excellence in higher education and workforce preparation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District encourages the residents of Los Angeles to participate in public events held on their local community college campuses during California Community College Month.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT3. Resolution – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt Com. No. BT3. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Furutani and Mercer:

WHEREAS, April has been designated "***Child Abuse Prevention Month***." It serves as a reminder that we should never relax our vigilance in the fight against child abuse—one of the most tragic criminal justice and social issues of our time; and

WHEREAS, For the past several years, the blue ribbon has been widely recognized as the national symbol of child abuse awareness. The movement began in 1989, when a concerned grandmother took a stand against child abuse after the death of her grandson; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse remains a serious and growing problem. More than three million suspected cases of child abuse and neglect are reported each year, and many, many more go unreported. It is extremely important for the public to know that everyone can do something to help prevent child abuse. We should all know the warning signs and how to report a suspected case; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse is a tragedy that comes in a variety of forms—physical and emotional pain, sexual abuse, and neglect and is found in all cultural, ethnic, occupational, and socio-economic groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby encourages every person to increase their awareness of child abuse and work to put a stop to these horrendous crimes by sending the message that abuse of children will not be tolerated, by learning something about child abuse, and by sharing with others what you have learned; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District encourages the spirit of the blue ribbon by wearing one and to support child abuse prevention activities in our colleges and communities.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT4. Resolution – Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT4. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Mercer, Field, Pearlman, and Scott-Hayes:

- WHEREAS, The United States Government has declared April as "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*" and the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women (LACAAW) has declared April 25, 2007 as "*Denim Day*" in Los Angeles County; and
- WHEREAS, Both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society; and
- WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow victims/survivors to be re-victimized; and
- WHEREAS, "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*" and "*Denim Day*" are also intended as a means of calling attention to misconceptions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault and the reality that many in today's society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of assault and forcible rape; and
- WHEREAS, The importance of this issue is underlined by United States Department of Justice statistics indicating that approximately 35 of every 1,000 women who attend colleges or universities experience an attempted or completed rape during each school year¹; and
- WHEREAS, With proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime; and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District strongly supports the efforts of the LACAAW to educate the community about the significant impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby proclaim the month of April 2007 as "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*," hereby designates April 25, 2007 as "*Denim Day*," and encourages everyone to wear jeans on April 25, 2007 to help communicate the message that there is "*no excuse and never an invitation to rape.*"

Fisher, Bonnie S., 2000. The Sexual Victimization of College Women, Washington, DC Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Planning, United States Department of Justice

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT5. Resolution – State/Church Separation Month

Mr. Tut Hayes addressed the Board regarding the separation of church and state.

Motion by Trustee Pearlman, seconded by Student Trustee Gomez, to adopt Com. No. BT5. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustee Pearlman:

- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America is the founding document upon which our nation was conceived and is governed; and
- WHEREAS, The United States of America was first among nations to adopt a secular Constitution separating church from state; and
- WHEREAS, The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment prohibits government from preferring or supporting one particular religion over other religions, or religion over non-religion; and
- WHEREAS, The ideals of the First Amendment were embodied in Founder and President Thomas Jefferson; and
- WHEREAS, President Jefferson refused to issue Thanksgiving proclamations during the eight years he held office: "...civil powers alone have been given to the President of the United States, and no authority to direct the religious exercises of his constituents" (Letter to the Reverend Samuel Miller, January 23, 1808); and
- WHEREAS, President Jefferson coined his immortal phrase explaining the Establishment Clause in a letter on January 1, 1802: "Believing ... that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church and State." (Letter to the Baptists of Danbury, Connecticut); and
- WHEREAS, The Jeffersonian "wall of separation between Church and State" has served for nearly two centuries as a touchstone in courts of law, protecting personal liberties and preserving freedom of conscience in our republic; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby proclaims the month of April 2007 as "Celebrate State/Church Separation Month" and urges all citizens to participate in the observance of Celebrate State/Church Separation Month by reading the United States Constitution and discovering for themselves its unifying historic, legal, secular, and religious values.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT6. Resolution – Labor History Week

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to adopt Com. No. BT6. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Field, Pearlman, Scott-Hayes, Furutani, and Mercer:

- WHEREAS, Community colleges are historically the open door to educational opportunities for working people; and

- WHEREAS, Employees of the Los Angeles Community College District are organized into collective bargaining units through labor unions; and
- WHEREAS, AB 1900 (2002) designates the first week in April as "Labor History Week;" and
- WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District wishes to acknowledge the importance of working people both as employees and students; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community District hereby commemorates Labor History Week and encourages all employees and students to use this occasion to remember the sacrifices and struggles of working people throughout the world.

Chancellor Young announced that a special event will be held on March 21, 2007 at ELAC to recognize the establishment of the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by Chancellor Young and action taken as indicated.

Chancellor Young introduced the following individuals who have recently joined the District Office management staff:

Mr. Andres Guerrero, Director of Accounting
Mr. Arnold Blanshard, Director of Internal Audit

Chancellor Young summarized the functions that Mr. Blanshard would be performing as the Director of Internal Audit.

Mr. Tut Hayes addressed the Board regarding California Vehicle Code Section 21113 as it relates to the ban of various types of vehicles on the LACC campus.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Mercer entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items as amended on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., HRD2., ISD1., PC1., and the Correspondence.

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Furutani, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items as amended on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar agenda items:

Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report

Com. No. BF2. Receipt of Annual Audit

Dr. Adriana Barrera, Senior Vice Chancellor, noted that Com. No. BF2. has been withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report

Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services and Facilities Planning

Com. No. FPD1. Facilities Planning and Development Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral XIII. Authorize Adoption of Construction Plans and Specifications, Item A. as it relates to plans and specifications for the Health and PE, Fitness Center project at LAMC, Trustee Field inquired if this item is appropriate for the Board to approve despite comments that were made a few weeks ago by the landowners.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, responded in the affirmative. He indicated that the bidding process for this building needs to proceed because the time frame is critical in terms of the available state funding.

Com. No. FPD2. Ratify Difference in Conditions (Earthquake and Flood) Insurance for Construction Projects

Com. No. FPD3. Authorize Disposal of Surplus Personal Property from Los Angeles Community Colleges

Com. No. FPD4. Authorize Resolution to Award Public Project Contract to M3 Services, Inc.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Status Advancement of Contract Faculty Members

Trustee Field congratulated the faculty members who are being advanced in status.

Com. No. ISD1. Authorization of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD2. Approval of Noncredit Courses

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

Accept Recommended Disposition of Correspondence

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 6 Ayes

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Com. No. CH1. Approve West Los Angeles College Accreditation Progress Report

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

Dr. Mark Rocha, President, WLAC, acknowledged the following members of the WLAC Accreditation Steering Committee:

Mr. Gregory Jennings, ASO President; Ms. JoAnn Haywood, AFT Staff Chairperson; Dr. Lawrence Jarmon, Representative, Teamsters Local 911; and Mr. Abel Rodriguez, representing the Trades Union.

Dr. Rocha introduced the following members of the Accreditation Steering Committee and commended them for their efforts in completing the WLAC Accreditation Progress Report:

Ms. Fran Leonard, Faculty Chair of the Progress Report; Ms. Eloise Crippens, Academic Senate President; and Dr. Paul Stansbury, Vice President, Academic Affairs.

Ms. Crippens, Ms. Leonard, and Dr. Stansbury expressed their appreciation to Dr. Rocha and Mr. Gary Colombo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness, for their support during the WLAC Accreditation process.

President Mercer and Trustee Scott-Hayes commended the members of the WLAC Steering Committee for their efforts in working together as a team on the WLAC Accreditation Progress Report.

Chancellor Young indicated that accreditation activities for the three Valleyside colleges—LAMC, Pierce College, and LAVC—will be held during the week of March 19, 2007.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Gomez)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

Com. No. ISD/A. Informative – Notification of Student Travel

Presented by Chancellor Young.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

Mr. Tut Hayes addressed the Board regarding the rights of public speakers.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trustee Pearlman wished everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day.

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Mr. Robert Garber, President, Pierce College, acknowledged the presence of student reporters from The Pierce Roundup and their instructor, Ms. Stephanie Stassel.

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Dr. Steve Maradian, President, LACC, announced that the LACC Theatre Academy in association with the Jackie Robinson Foundation is presenting a production entitled "National Pastime" beginning on March 16, 2007. He distributed postcards regarding the performance. He also distributed brochures regarding the LACC transfer and career training programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Student Trustee Gomez, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

DARROCH F. YOUNG
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: _____
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Georgia L. Mercer
President of the Board

Date _____
March 21, 2007