

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – 1st Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017
Friday, August 22, 2008
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Committee: Rose Bustos, Student Trustee; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Christian Marfil, Pierce College; Arthur Minasyan, LAVC; Allison Reid, LATTTC; Rachael Richards, LAHC; Maria Rivera, LACC

Participants: Celena Alcala, WLAC; Linda Fonseca, Center Theatre Group; Kenadi Le, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute; Greg Osweiler, Bookstore Manager, Pierce College; Betzy Ramirez, LATTTC; Leslie Winner, Recycling Strategies

Student Trustee Bustos called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

A quorum was present.

At roll call, the following colleges were present: ELAC, LACC, LAHC, LASC, LATTTC, LAVC, and WLAC.

Absent: LAMC, Pierce College (arrived at 9:21 a.m.).

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Ms. Kenadi Le distributed copies of flyers and discussed upcoming events including a Labor Solidarity March in Wilmington on September 1, 2008; a Union Career and Voter Registration Festival in Gardena on September 20, 2008; a Labor Film Series being held at ELAC during September, October, and November 2008; an event at Pierce College on October 14, 2008 at which Dr. Woodrow W. Clark will speak regarding the topic "The Environment, Jobs, and Change;" an event at LAHC on October 15, 2008 regarding "The Harbor Area's Labor Legacy: The Past, Present, Future of Working on the Docks;" and an event at LASC on November 12, 2008 sponsored by Arlington West regarding perspectives of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

No report.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

I-Pass Update

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that there is a plan to begin offering the I-Pass in the Spring 2009 semester. Passes will be offered to all full-time students for \$15 each. The money to subsidize the cost of the I-Passes will be taken from Proposition A/AA Bond Program funds. The Bond Program funds are expected to be sufficient to subsidize the I-Passes for a two-year period.

(Mr. Christian Marfil, Pierce College, arrived at 9:21 a.m.)

Textbook Solutions for Students

Copies of a document entitled "Advantageous Partnerships for Bookstores and ASO's" were distributed.

Mr. Greg Osweiler indicated that the main goal is to institutionalize a partnership between the Bookstores and the ASO's based upon the cause of mastering the complex developments of the publishing industry for the benefit of the students. He indicated that student success is the primary mission of both the Bookstores and the ASO's. He discussed the document with respect to the importance of instructors submitting their textbook requisitions in a timely manner; the effort to secure used textbooks, which sell for 75 percent of the new textbook price; the importance of a guaranteed textbook buyback program; the success of the Pierce College Bookstore Buyback Program from Spring 2007 through Spring 2008 as it relates to the total amount of money saved by students; and possible future initiatives including book fairs and identifying advantageous partnerships with publishers.

There was discussion regarding the importance of marketing the Bookstore/ASO partnership effort throughout the District.

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PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS (continued)

Ms. Linda Fonseca addressed the Committee regarding theater classes that are offered to students by the Center Theatre Group, which includes the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Ahmanson Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum, and the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Campus Food/Lunch Truck Update

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that Mr. John Clerx was going to provide this update, but is not present today. She indicated that this item would be postponed until the next Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

September Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that this meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2008 following the LACCD Green Conference. She feels that this will make for too long of a day. This meeting would have been held at a non-District property, which is not allowed by The Ralph M. Brown Act. She recommended changing this meeting to Friday, October 3, 2008.

Motion by Ms. Rebecca Estrada, ELAC, seconded by Ms. Maria Rivera, LACC, to move the September 26, 2008 Student Affairs Committee meeting to October 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the District Office.

ADOPTED: 8 Ayes

ACTION ITEMS

Student Appointments to Outside Committees

District Curriculum Committee (meets on third Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at LACC in President's Conference Room)

Student Trustee Bustos inquired of Ms. Rivera if she knew of any student leaders from LACC who might want to serve on this committee.

Ms. Rivera responded that she will let Student Trustee Bustos know if there is someone she can recommend.

District Citizens' Oversight Committee (meets at 12 p.m. in the Board Room on 9/12/08, 12/19/08, 2/27/09, and 5/15/09)

Mr. Christian Marfil indicated that he would serve as the Student Representative for the meetings of December 19, 2008 and February 27, 2009.

Ms. Eileen Gnehm indicated that she would serve as the Student Representative for the meetings of September 12, 2008 and May 15, 2009.

Establishment of Financial Aid Subcommittee

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the purpose of the Financial Aid Subcommittee will be to plan events and activities to encourage students to apply for financial aid. She asked for volunteers to serve on this subcommittee. The following individuals volunteered:

Ms. Maria Rivera, LACC; Ms. Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Mr. Christian Marfil, Pierce College; and Ms. Allison Reid, LATTG.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the dates of the subcommittee meeting are to be determined and would be scheduled for a time when the members are all together such as after a Student Affairs Committee meeting.

Resolution – Administrative Regulation E-102 ASO Election Procedures

Mr. Marfil presented and distributed copies of the following resolution:

The following resolution is presented by Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Associated Student Organization President, Pierce College:

- WHEREAS, That under Administrative Regulation E-102, the counting of the ballots does not formally recognize the 50 percent plus one rule, in other words a two-thirds student body vote, for the executive ASO candidates to win a seat on the Executive Board of their respective Students Organization/Union; and
- WHEREAS, The yearly elections, held in the middle of the Spring semester, fall in a period of immense academic responsibility, in the month of April nearing finals season; and
- WHEREAS, The need for academic integrity and focus shall and should be of utmost importance for every student on campus, including the student leaders running for Executive Office; and
- WHEREAS, In order for the candidates running for positions on the Executive Board of their respective Associated Students to remain within the District's guidelines of a 2.0 GPA and minimum unit requirement, the candidates shall and must remain focused on their studies throughout the campaigning process; and
- WHEREAS, If the students need to be in a runoff election, their focus on their classes and in the final months of the Spring semester during finals testing, their attendance in classes as well as their valuable lecture time would be detrimentally affected because of continued campaigning to satisfy the two-thirds requirement of a student body count of votes; and
- WHEREAS, If a runoff election takes place, valuable transition time is lost between new and old boards which impacts the students and their organization to implement legacy and retention of prior goals and ideas set forth by the previous ASO/ASU; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee formally recognize the need for a ~~majority count plurality vote rather than a two-thirds count~~ for an Executive Associated Students candidate to ~~win their seat on the board~~ be elected to their cabinet position to effectively pursue the most important aspect of college participation while still attempting to seek a role on the college level shared governance platform.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the Committee can discuss and approve the resolution today. It would then be presented to Mr. Clerx for his review and recommendations.

Motion by Ms. Rivera, LACC, seconded by Ms. Williams, LASC, to approve the resolution.

There was discussion regarding the proposed change to require a majority vote rather than a two-thirds vote for ASO elections. There was also discussion regarding requiring a plurality vote, which is the most votes if three or more individuals run in the election, as opposed to a majority vote, which is 50 percent plus one vote.

Following the discussion, the following amendments were offered:

Motion by Ms. Richards, LAHC, seconded by Mr. Marfil, Pierce College, to amend the resolution as noted.

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AMENDMENTS APPROVED: 8 Ayes

APPROVED AS AMENDED: 8 Ayes

ASO/ASU Membership Negative Check-off

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that some of the colleges have negative check-off and some do not. She indicated that the Board of Trustees supports all of the colleges having negative check-off because it would provide more funds for the students. She inquired as to whether the colleges charge a mandatory student representation fee.

Ms. M. Sonia Lopez responded that the student representation fee is charged automatically unless the student has it waived. She indicated that the only colleges that do not have a student representation fee are ELAC and LASC.

Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to implement a negative check-off system for all nine colleges whereby all students would pay the ASO/ASU membership fee unless they check off a box.

Motion by Ms. Rivera, LACC, seconded by Ms. Estrada, ELAC, to implement a negative check-off system for all nine colleges.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Create list of priorities for 2008-09

Due to the lack of time, Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to table this item until the next Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Marfil, Pierce College, seconded by Ms. Rivera, LACC, to table this item until the next Committee meeting.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report – July

In lieu of her monthly report, Student Trustee Bustos had the Committee members and participants play a game of "LACCD lingo bingo" for the purpose of educating them regarding the definition of various District-related terms. Some of these terms included "DBC, SAC, E-Regs, and The Ralph M. Brown Act."

Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports

The following individuals reported on issues, activities, and events at their respective campuses:

Ms. Estrada, ELAC; Ms. Richards, LAHC; Mr. Marfil, Pierce College; Ms. Williams, LASC; Mr. Minasyan, LAVC; Ms. Gnehm, WLAC; Ms. Reid, LATTTC; and Ms. Rivera, LACC.

Resource Table Student Representative – September 3 (ESC) and September 17 (ESC)

Mr. Christian Marfil will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of September 3, 2008 and Ms. Maria Rivera will serve at the Board meeting of September 17, 2008.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Recycling Program

Ms. Leslie Winner of Recycling Strategies distributed copies of a document entitled "It Works and It's Easy! Help Fight Global Warming." She discussed the document with respect to the effort to have recycling containers available on all nine campuses and the effort to educate everyone on the campuses regarding the importance of recycling as a means of fighting global warming and preserving natural resources.

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SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the 811 Wilshire Boulevard Building Showroom. The deadline for submitting agenda items is September 19, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Richards, seconded by Mr. Marfil, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.