

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
811 Wilshire Boulevard
1st floor Conference Room
Los Angeles, California 90017
Friday, October 3, 2008
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Committee: Rose Bustos, Student Trustee; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Joaquin Fuentes, LACC; Blanca Garcia, LAMC; Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Christian Marfil, Pierce College; Allison Reid, LATTC; Rachael Richards, LAHC; Joshua Wible, LAVC

Participants: Celena Alcala, WLAC; David Beaulieu, DAS; Isaac Cajina, CALPIRG; Robert Crossley, LAMC; Yvonne Gallardo, ELAC; Bobbi Kimble, ESC; Kenadi Le, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute; Nehasi Lee, Compton College; Brian Lopez, ELAC; Brother Vernon Muhammad, Long Beach City College; Dee Patel, ESC; Nancy Pearlman, Board of Trustees; Nikita Shen, Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches; Tara Stafford, CALPIRG; Candy Van, Pierce College; Arturo Velasquez, LACC

Student Trustee Bustos called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

A quorum was present.

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

Absent: LAMC (arrived at 9:24 a.m.), Pierce College (arrived at 10:37 a.m.), LASC, and LAVC (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Mr. Nehasi Lee discussed the importance of the ASO/ASU student leaders to inquire about the rising cost of health fees, in particular the semester stipulated fee versus the yearly fee. He also indicated that he has been attending accreditation meetings and urged the students to be aware of the accreditation status of their respective colleges.

Mr. Norman Ward discussed a nationwide voter registration campaign entitled "Operation Big Vote." The goal is to register students to vote and educate them regarding the importance of voting.

Ms. Tara Stafford, Mr. Isaac Cajina, Mr. Brian Lopez, and Ms. Yvonne Gallardo discussed the importance of ASO/ASU participation in the election process. Ms. Stafford addressed the concerns of the ASO/ASU Presidents and Student Trustee Bustos with respect to personal information from the voter registration forms not being kept confidential.

There was discussion regarding possible solutions to the personal information confidentiality issue.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Mr. David Beaulieu distributed information regarding the Sustainable Work Student Program.

Ms. Dee Patel indicated that this program provides students with an opportunity to participate in discussions and field trips that focus on sustainability.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Joshua Wible addressed his concern that the \$7 ASO fee is not keeping pace with the current economy.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the Board of Trustees is currently working with Mr. John Clerx to implement a "negative check-off" for ASO fees. Students will have an opportunity to opt out from paying the ASO fee if they so choose.

Student Trustee Bustos asked that everyone bring a copy of their promotional flyers, so that everyone can share their ideas for recruiting students to join the ASO.

Ms. Bobbi Kimble recommended that a standard ad be placed in the class schedules letting students know what services are provided if they pay the ASO fee.

There was discussion regarding the importance of students having priority for the use of the free speech areas.

Ms. Rachael Richards inquired about credit cards for ASO Advisors.

Ms. Kimble indicated that she will follow up on the credit card request for ASO Advisors, opt-out fee "negative check-off" implementation, and priority space allocations for students in the free speech areas.

Ms. Richards expressed her concerns regarding the issue of the students not having priority for the free speech area at LAHC for club activities and being required to share the free speech area with outside vendors.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that she would follow up with Mr. Clerx for clarification on the priority allocation of space on campus for students' events. It was recommended that a meeting be scheduled with the ASO Advisors to discuss the students' concerns regarding sharing space with vendors.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Campus Food/Lunch Truck Update

Ms. Kimble will follow up with Mr. Clerx regarding the policy for contracting with college food vendors.

Student Trustee Bustos took a poll on who gets money from the lunch trucks. The results are as follows:

City – don't know; East – yes (\$1,500); Harbor – yes; Mission – don't know; Pierce – no; Southwest – absent; Trade-Tech – yes; Valley – no; West – no.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that she would e-mail the ASO Presidents a report showing the revenues received from the lunch trucks for each college.

Bone Marrow Drive

Ms. Nikita Shen, Recruitment Supervisor, from Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches requested that they be allowed to conduct a minority-focused bone marrow donor drive on the campuses. She distributed a folder with information from the National Marrow Donor Program.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that she will email Ms. Shen the ASO roster so that she can contact the ASO Presidents directly to coordinate an ASO-sponsored event.

Sacramento trip to lobby for students

Ms. Bustos discussed the upcoming trip to Sacramento to lobby for students. She indicated that there is an official lobbying date with the California Community College League of California in January 2009. She further indicated that Trustee Mona Field has vast experience in lobbying and has volunteered to provide a one-hour training session on lobbying techniques at a Student Affairs Committee meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Student Trustee Bustos discussed the issues of affordable textbooks and the upcoming trip to Sacramento to lobby for students.

(Ms. Gnehm, WLAC, left at 11:46 a.m.)

Trustee Nancy Pearlman distributed copies of a booklet entitled The Better World Shopping Guide by Ellis Jones. She talked about her support of the environment and sustainability issues. After "Measure J" passes, her next goal is to introduce a resolution that all new building projects be certified as platinum. It has been proven that it does not cost more money to "go green."

Mr. Wible expressed his concern that there is no web page for "Measure J."

Trustee Pearlman indicated that she would follow up with Mr. Larry Eisenberg and would find out about having information provided to the ASO Presidents.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the LACCD Sheriff's Task Force Committee is arranging to attend ASO meetings at each college in October or November in order to address the students' concerns.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Student Trustee Bustos expressed her appreciation to the ASO Presidents for their commitment towards serving as the Student Representative at the Resource Table at Board meetings.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Administrative Regulation E-92 ASO Stipends

Student Trustee Bustos took a poll on whether or not the ASO Presidents receive stipends. The results are as follows:

City – don't know; East – yes; Harbor – no; Mission – yes; Pierce – no; Southwest – absent; Trade-Tech – no; Valley – yes; West – absent.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that she will e-mail data regarding stipends to the ASO Presidents.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is October 17, 2008.

Due to the lack of time, the following items will be carried over to the next Student Affairs Committee meeting on Friday, October 31, 2008:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Regulation E-92 ASO Stipends

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)

Create list of priorities for 2008-09

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

- Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report
- Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports

- SAC Outside Committee Reports
 - District Academic Senate – Maria Rivera, LACC; Allison Reid, LATTTC, Alternate
 - Districtwide Budget Committee – Allison Reid, LATTTC; Arthur Minasyan, LAVC, Alternate
 - District Curriculum Committee – no representative
 - District Citizens' Oversight Committee – 9/12/08 – Eileen Gnehm; 12/19/08 – Christian Marfil; 2/27/09 – Christian Marfil; 5/15/09 – Eileen Gnehm
 - Student Success Initiative Steering Committee – Rose Bustos
 - LACCD Sheriff's Task Force – Rose Bustos

ADJOURNMENT

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

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.