

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Board Room – First Floor
Los Angeles, California 90017
Friday, November 21, 2008
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Committee: Rose Bustos, Student Trustee; Regina Andrews, LASC; John Clerx, ESC; Robert Crossley, LAMC; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Blanca Garcia, LAMC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Nina Malone, LAHC; Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College; Reginald McCoy, LASC; Jearold Mock, LATT; Elizabeth Ortiz, LAVC; Eric Peters, LACC; Joe Ramirez, LAMC; Jeorgina Rebolorio, WLAC; Allison Reid, LATT; Rachael Richards, LAHC; Maria Rivera, LACC; Joshua Wible, LAVC

Participants: David Beaulieu, DAS; Vernon Bridges, LACC; Marco De La Garza, Pierce College; Carl Friedlander, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild; Kenadi Le, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute; Joe Lucas, Build—LACCD; Shaun Martinez, United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS); Barbara Ralston, LAVC; Anafe Robinson, LAVC; Cynthia Sandico, ESC

Student Trustee Bustos called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. She expressed her appreciation to the ASO/ASU Advisors for attending today's meeting.

A quorum was present.

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

Absent: LACC (arrived at 9:40 a.m.), LAMC (arrived at 9:40 a.m.), Pierce College (arrived at 10:05 a.m.), and WLAC (arrived at 9:45 a.m.).

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Mr. Shaun Martinez, United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), discussed USAS, which is a student organization with chapters at colleges and universities throughout the United States. USAS operates campaigns to obtain fair labor standards for people who produce collegiate apparel. He indicated that there is currently an effort to expand USAS to community college campuses.

Student Trustee Bustos requested that Mr. Martinez send each ASO President literature regarding USAS.

Ms. Kenadi Le distributed copies of a booklet regarding the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute (DHLI). She discussed the booklet with respect to the four programs offered by the DHLI—the Voices and Images Initiative, the Work and Life Initiative, the Academic Enrichment Initiative, and the Labor On-Line Initiative.

Mr. Joe Lucas discussed the Districtwide recycling program. He distributed to each ASO President a 20-minute video regarding recycling entitled "Resource Recovery." He requested that the ASO Presidents view the video with their ASO Council and then donate it to their college Library.

Student Trustee Bustos requested that Mr. Lucas attend the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) meeting of December 12, 2008 to further discuss the recycling program.

(Ms. Maria Rivera, LACC, and Ms. Blanca Garcia, LAMC, arrived at 9:40 a.m.)

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

District Budget Committee

This report was postponed until Mr. David Beaulieu arrives.

Financial Aid Update

Mr. Marco De La Garza distributed copies of a document entitled "Los Angeles Community College District Financial Aid." He summarized the document with respect to the dollar amount of financial aid Districtwide, which increased from almost \$40 million in 1993-94 to approximately \$120 million in 2007-08. He discussed the effort being conducted to encourage students to apply for financial aid.

(Ms. Jeorgina Rebolorio, WLAC, arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

Student Trustee Bustos recommended that a laptop computer be set up outside the classrooms and at other locations so that students can apply for financial aid.

Mr. De La Garza indicated that he would look into the possibility of setting up a computer program for this purpose.

There was discussion regarding the stigma many students have about not wanting to apply for financial aid because they feel that they are asking for charity.

(Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College, arrived at 10:05 a.m.)

There was discussion regarding the importance of publicizing the positive aspects of financial aid to students and encouraging them to apply.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that she will present a Financial Aid Resolution for discussion at the next Student Affairs Committee (SAC) meeting.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

Nonresident Tuition Waiver

Copies of the proposed revisions to Board Rule 8100.03 Fee Exemption for Special Part-Time Students Grades K-12 and Board Rule 8100.15 Nonresident Tuition Fee Exemption on the Basis of Demonstrated Financial Need were distributed.

Mr. John Clerx explained the revisions as they relate to the waiver of nonresident tuition for foreign students who demonstrate financial hardship.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Textbook Rental Program

This item was not discussed.

Advisors/ASO/ASU Presidents Roundtable

Administrative Regulation E-92 ASO Stipends

Copies of Administrative Regulation E-92 ASO Stipends were distributed.

The participants introduced themselves.

There was a roundtable discussion regarding whether or not stipends should be awarded to ASO officers and whether or not ASO stipends should be mandated Districtwide.

Mr. Clerx indicated that the issue on the table is whether the District should mandate that there will be ASO stipends and, if so, the details would be worked out by each college.

There was further discussion regarding the issue of mandating ASO stipends.

Mr. Clerx indicated that if the SAC wants to take a vote on this issue today, there are two possible motions that can be made:

1. Leave Administrative Regulation E-92 as is with the current policy on ASO stipends; or
2. Amend Administrative Regulation E-92 to mandate that all colleges award ASO stipends, but the conditions of who receives them, how much they would be, and what criteria should be satisfied to earn the stipend would be determined by the college.

Motion by Mr. Joshua Logan, seconded by Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, to amend Administrative Regulation E-92 to require all colleges to provide ASO stipends and to leave the specifics of how this will be done up to each individual college.

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Mr. Clerx indicated that he would work on the amended language.

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Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to move the agenda to the District Academic Senate Report regarding the District Budget Committee that was postponed earlier in today's meeting.

Motion by Mr. Logan, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Estrada, to move the agenda to this report.

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Student Trustee Bustos distributed copies of a document entitled "Los Angeles Community College District Legislative Representation." She indicated that this document lists the California Assembly and Senate representatives for each college including contact information. She also distributed copies of a document entitled "Budget Update," which was provided by Mr. Patrick McCallum at the Board meeting of November 19, 2008.

Mr. David Beaulieu introduced Mr. Carl Friedlander.

Mr. Friedlander addressed the Committee regarding the budget cuts and efforts that can be taken to minimize the impact of these reductions.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that some of the proposed actions that were discussed at the November 19, 2008 Board meeting as solutions to the midyear budget cuts included reducing Library hours, having only one summer session, and cutting winter intersession classes.

There was discussion regarding the document entitled "Budget Update" with respect to the impact of the Governor's proposed budget cut on California community college students.

There was also discussion regarding the importance of the students to make telephone calls and send letters to the District's legislative representatives expressing their opposition to the budget cuts.

Mr. Friedlander recommended that the legislators be contacted before Tuesday, November 25, 2008, which is the date they are scheduled to vote on the proposed budget cuts.

There was discussion regarding the impact of the budget cuts on college programs such as the athletic programs.

(Ms. Allison Reid, LATTC, left at 11:49 a.m.)

Student Trustee Bustos and the ASO Presidents indicated that they will convey the message of "no budget cuts" when they contact the LACCD legislative delegation.

ACTION ITEMS

Create List of Priorities for 2008-09

No action was taken.

Administrative Regulation E-92 ASO Stipends

This item was previously taken out of order.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report

Due to the lack of time, no report was presented.

Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports

Due to the lack of time, no reports were presented.

Resource Table Student Representative – December 3 (LASC) and December 17 (ESC)

Ms. Regina Andrews will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of December 3, 2008 and December 17, 2008.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Academic Senate – Maria Rivera, Representative/Allison Reid, Alternate

No report.

Districtwide Budget Committee (DBC) – Allison Reid, Representative/Arthur Minasyan, Alternate

No report.

District Curriculum Committee – Maria Rivera, Representative

No report.

District Citizens' Oversight Committee (DCOC) – 12/19/08 – Christian Marfil-Amatulli – 2/27/09 – Christian Marfil-Amatulli; 5/15/09 – Eileen Gnehm

No report.

Student Success Initiative Steering Committee – Rose Bustos

No report.

LACCD Sheriff's Task Force – Rose Bustos

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is November 28, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Ms. Andrews, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.