

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, April 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Committee: Rose Bustos, Student Trustee; Celena Alcalá, WLAC; James Butler-Zetino, LACC; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Blanca Garcia, LAMC; Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; Donte Green, LAHC; Lelia Isaccs, LASC; Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College; and Joshua Wible, LAVC

Participants: David Beaulieu, DAS; Carmelo Cuellar, LAHC; Bobbi Kimble, ESC; Nehasi Lee, Compton Community Educational Center; Joe Lucas, Build—LACCD; Anacani Macias, LAHC; Stacey McMullen; Joshua O'Neal, LATTTC; Rachael Richards, LAHC; Rodney Robinson, LATTTC; Dorothy Rowe, AFT College Staff Guild; Kari Thumlert; Jack Waites, Former ASO President, WLAC; Clint Weirick, Northern California Alumni

Student Trustee Bustos called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Absent: Pierce College (arrived at 10:20 a.m.), LASC (arrived at 10:22 a.m.), and LATTTC

A quorum was present.

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Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to take out of order Roman Numeral IV. Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports.

Motion by Mr. Joshua Wible, seconded by Ms. Eileen Gnehm, to take Roman Numeral IV. out of order.

*APPROVED.* 6 Ayes

#### ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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

Ms. Blanca Garcia, LAMC; Mr. Donte Green, LAHC; Mr. Rodney Robinson (for Allison Reid), LATTTC; Ms. Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; Ms. Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Mr. Joshua Wible, LAVC; and Mr. James Butler-Zetino, LACC.

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#### PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Ms. Kari Thumlert addressed the Committee regarding Administrative Regulation E-22 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices as it relates to the enrollment qualifications that need to be met in order to remain in office.

Mr. Nehasi Lee addressed the Committee regarding the importance of the ASO Presidents to be effective leaders with respect to resolving any issues that impact the students.

Mr. Clint Weirick addressed the Committee regarding California Education Code section 76060 as it relates to participation in student governance at community colleges.

Mr. Jack Waites addressed the Committee regarding the importance of the ASO Presidents to represent the students.

Ms. Stacey McMullen addressed the Committee regarding the need to define the role of the ASO Advisors with respect to their level of involvement in decisions related to ASO budgets and other issues.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the following items would be placed on the SAC agenda of May 22, 2009 for discussion:

ASO Advisor's Role  
Transitional Procedures for ASO Officers

Mr. Carmelo Cuellar addressed the Committee regarding the suspension of the previous LAHC ASO President.

(Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College, arrived at 10:20 a.m.)  
(Ms. Lelia Isaacs, LASC, arrived at 10:22 a.m.)

Mr. Joshua O'Neal emphasized the importance of the ASO Presidents to be effective leaders with respect to addressing student issues.

Ms. Rachael Richards stated that her right to confidentiality has been violated by the ASO Advisor at LAHC with respect to her personal disciplinary situation.

There was discussion regarding the issue of confidentiality as it relates to student discipline procedures.

Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli addressed the Committee regarding his suspension from the ASO and allegations against him.

Student Trustee Bustos recommended that the ASO Presidents collectively address the Board of Trustees with their concerns regarding student discipline procedures at the Board meeting of April 29, 2009.

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Ms. Estrada announced that Ms. M. Sonia Lopez has offered to serve as the advisor at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Spring General Assembly being held on May 1-3, 2009 for any student who needs an advisor.

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#### DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that this report would be deferred until Mr. David Beaulieu arrives at 11:00 a.m.

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Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to take Roman Numeral VI. Issues for the Board of Trustees out of order.

Motion by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Ms. Isaacs, to take Roman Numeral VI. out of order.

*APPROVED.* 8 Ayes

## ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Student Trustee Bustos discussed the need for the SAC to present to the Board of Trustees its concerns regarding the recent student disciplinary situations involving the ASO Presidents of LAHC and Pierce College. She indicated that an item entitled "Removal of Students from ASO Office" would be placed on the SAC agenda of May 22, 2009 for discussion.

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Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to take out of order Roman Numeral VII. Consultation Items.

Motion by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to take Roman Numeral VII. out of order.

*APPROVED.* 8 Ayes

(Mr. Wible, LAVC, left at 10:55 a.m.)

## CONSULTATION ITEMS

Administrative Regulation E-XX Student Discipline Records and Transcript Notations

Board Rule 8100. Admission to a Community College

Board Rule 8502. Student Health

Board Rule 9803.28 Academic Dishonesty

Board Rule 91101.15 College President's Decision

Board Rule 91103. Student Discipline Forms

Ms. Bobbi Kimble indicated that she has not had an opportunity to review the Consultation Items. She requested that any questions regarding these items be presented to her in writing.

Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to postpone the Consultation Items until the next SAC meeting.

Motion by Mr. Butler-Zetino, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to postpone the Consultation Items until the next regularly scheduled SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

*APPROVED.* 7 Ayes

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## DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Mr. David Beaulieu indicated that he is in the process of updating the Academic Senate Presidents regarding the recent student discipline issues involving the ASO Presidents of LAHC and Pierce College.

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## ACTION ITEMS

Financial Aid Resolution

Copies of a document entitled "RESOLUTION – INCREASING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT" were distributed.

Motion by Mr. Butler-Zetino, seconded by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, to approve the resolution as amended.

Based on the discussion, the following amendments were made:

- WHEREAS, The mission of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is to provide access to quality instruction to all those capable of benefitting, many of whom are low-income, disadvantaged, and underrepresented; and
- WHEREAS, Students' ability to attend college is affected by significant related expenses such as the costs for books, transportation, and childcare, as well as general living expenses, which continue to rise while earning capacity diminishes, all of which have led the Associated Student Organization (ASO) officers and the District Academic Senate to oppose an additional burden on student resources in the form of increased student fees; and
- WHEREAS, While applications have increased this year, more than 84 percent of LACCD students qualify for federal grants; yet less than 20 percent obtain them (approximate figures for 2006-07), based on a recent study by the District Research and Planning Office, due in part to the overly complicated and repetitive application process; and
- WHEREAS, Faculty, administrators, and staff, working with ASO leaders, can have a dramatic positive impact on financial aid application and award totals, as has already been shown at some District colleges and at the very successful February Town Hall meetings on financial aid, and as is supported in statewide research (Green Lights & Red Tape: Improving Student Access to Financial Aid in California Community Colleges, 2007); now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee and the District Academic Senate hereby urge the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District to ~~establish a policy of encouraging~~ encourage college administrators, faculty, and staff to take all necessary steps to boost our financial aid applications and award totals.

*APPROVED AS AMENDED: 7 Ayes*

Mr. Beaulieu indicated that he would present the amended resolution to the District Academic Senate.

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#### DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT (continued)

Mr. Beaulieu indicated that the non-passage of Propositions 1A through 1E at the May 19, 2009 special statewide election would result in a \$75 million budget reduction for the District. He encouraged everyone to vote in favor of these propositions.

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(Mr. Green, LAHC, left at 11:42 a.m.)

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### Los Angeles Food Bank

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that collections for the Los Angeles Food Bank will begin in the next fiscal year.

##### ASO Employee Policy

### Student Trustee Elections: Provisions for Write-in Candidates

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the two aforementioned items would be postponed until the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

### Modify Administrative Regulation E-22 – Eligibility for Student Association Offices

Student Trustee Bustos reported that an 11-year old student ran unsuccessfully for ASO President at ELAC. She indicated that she will ask Mr. John Clerx if Administrative Regulation E-22 can be modified to prevent “special admins” such as this student from running for Associated Student Body offices.

### Recycling Program

Mr. Joe Lucas discussed the effort to place blue recycling bins on all nine campuses. He requested the support of the ASO Presidents to assist in promoting the recycling campaign. He announced that the 2009 UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference will be held on June 21-24, 2009 at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He indicated that there are nine student volunteer openings at the conference and encouraged the ASO Presidents to volunteer.

### REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

#### Student Affairs Committee Chair’s Monthly Report

No report.

#### Resource Table Student Representative – May 13 (ELAC) and May 27 (LAHC)

Ms. Rebecca Estrada will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of May 13, 2009 and Mr. Kenneth Gulley will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of May 27, 2009.

### SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### District Academic Senate – Vacant/Allison Reid, Alternate

No report.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the next District Academic Senate meeting will be held on May 14, 2009 and asked for a volunteer to attend this meeting.

Mr. Marfil-Amatulli indicated that he would attend this meeting.

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

No report.

#### District Curriculum Committee – Vacant

No report.

#### District Citizens’ Oversight Committee (DCOC) – 5/15/09 – Eileen Gnehm

No report.

#### Financial Aid Subcommittee – Rebecca Estrada, Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Allison Reid

No report.

Student Success Initiative Steering Committee – Rose Bustos

No report.

LACCD Sheriff's Task Force – Rose Bustos

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Trustee Bustos recommended scheduling a special SAC meeting for May 8, 2009 at 9 a.m. She indicated that she would check with Mr. Clerx as to his availability and will inform the ASO Presidents as soon as she finalizes the details.

Mr. Butler-Zetino requested that an item regarding evaluation of instructors be placed on the SAC agenda of May 22, 2009 for discussion.

Ms. Gnehm expressed her concern that for the last three or four SAC meetings, the Committee has been so caught up with talking about the issue regarding Ms. Richards that they have not been able to address the issues that are on the agenda. She indicated that she has been waiting for certain items to be discussed because she needs consultation on these items. She further expressed her concern that the individual who is supposed to help the Committee go through these items is not clear on anything that is on the agenda and is not prepared to discuss the items. She recommended that the issue regarding Ms. Richards be discussed in the Region meeting so that there will be time to deal with the agenda items during the SAC meeting.

Mr. Marfil-Amatulli requested that Ms. Gnehm's remarks be included in the SAC minutes for the record.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is May 8, 2009.

Student Trustee Bustos indicated that the May 22, 2009 agenda would include the following discussion items:

Student Representation Fee  
Removal of Students from ASO Office  
ASO Advisor's Role

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gnehm, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to adjourn.

*APPROVED.* 6 Ayes

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.