

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Los Angeles City College
Faculty & Staff Center
855 N. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Committee: Miguel Santiago, Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Angela J. Reddock, Chair (arrived at 8:53 a.m.).

Participants: Adriana D. Barrera, ESC; David Beaulieu, DAS; A. Susan Carleo, LAVC; Marshall E. Drummond, ESC; Carl Friedlander, AFT; Camille Goulet, ESC; Thomas Hall, ESC; Patrick McCallum, Legislative Advocate; John McDowell, LATT; Jamillah Moore, LACC

In the absence of Trustee Reddock, Trustee Scott-Hayes called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Legislation initiated by the District

Mr. Patrick McCallum distributed copies of a document entitled "Los Angeles Community College District 2009 Legislative Committee." He discussed the document with respect to the following sponsored bills and co-sponsored bills:

AB 1240 (Davis) would authorize the LACCD to enter into a lease or a lease with an option to purchase for up to five years before being required to retrofit the facility to Field Act compliance.

AB 551 (Furutani) would reduce California community colleges reliance on property tax revenues.

AB 555 (Furutani) would create a pilot project with five community college districts allowing for those districts to enter into partnerships with local school districts to provide advanced educational opportunities to pre-collegiate students.

Current Legislation Pending that Relates to the District

Mr. Larry Eisenberg discussed the Feed-in Tariff bills AB 1023 (Ruskin) and AB ~~1023~~ 1106 (Fuentes), which would allow the consumer to be compensated for any extra electricity generated. He indicated that if the LACCD energy program moves forward as envisioned, this would be a significant revenue source to the LACCD.

Recommendation: Watch, but supportive in concept of a FiT policy that meets the needs of the District.

Mr. Eisenberg discussed AB 32 (Negrete McLeod), which would create a FiT policy that limits the capacity of the generating facility to not more than three megawatts (MW).

Recommendation: Watch, but supportive in concept of a FiT policy that meets the needs of the District.

(Trustee Reddock arrived at 8:53 a.m.)

Other Bills of Interest

Mr. McCallum summarized Propositions 1A through 1F and the following bills:

SB 216 (Liu) would require the California State University (CSU) Trustees and the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors, and request the University of California (UC) Regents, to post a list of required textbooks for each course and for the coming term on their Internet websites not less than 30 days prior to the first day of class, including price charged by the campus bookstore for each required textbook.

Recommendation: Watch

SB 386 (Runner) would require a faculty member at the CCC or CSU who adopts a new edition of a textbook within three years after the adoption of a previous edition of the textbook to justify the adoption of the new edition of the textbook by performing a cost-benefit analysis.

Recommendation: Oppose

AB 492 (~~Fuller~~) (Conway) would remove the sunset on provisions authorizing the employment of a clinical nursing faculty member as a temporary faculty member for up to the total of four semesters or six quarters with any period of three consecutive academic years.

Recommendation: Support

AB 1008 (Block) would require the CCC Board of Governors to convene a working group including but not limited to representatives of the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Academic Senate for the CCC, and the CCC Consultation Council to make findings and recommendations regarding assessments that can be utilized to test basic skills of students entering a community college and would require the working group to present its findings to the Legislature and Governor on or before July 1, 2010.

Recommendation: Support

AB 1400 (Fong) would authorize that a CCC district may request information regarding a student who had been expelled for a specified violent offense from another CCC district in determining whether the applicant continues to pose a danger to the physical safety of others and requires the CCC district receiving such a request to respond within five working days.

Recommendation: Oppose unless immunity provisions are added; watch if immunity provisions are added.

AB 552 (Furutani) would establish the Commission on Adequate Funding for Career Technical and Vocational Education at the CCC to conduct a study and make recommended positions regarding financing alternatives for career technical education, vocational education, and high-cost laboratory programs, and report on these alternatives by July 1, 2011.

Recommendation: Support

Trustee Reddock entertained a motion to approve the recommendations for the bills discussed earlier at today's Committee meeting.

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to approve the recommendations by the Committee.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Trustee Reddock entertained a motion to support AB 555 (Furutani).

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to support AB 555 (Furutani).

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Potential Legislation Regarding Trustee Elections

Ms. Goulet stated that the Trustee Elections bill would allow for one single Election Day rather than running seat by seat. The seats would be awarded to the top vote-getters from a single election day; the effective date would be 2011, with the exception of a filled mid-term vacancy seat, in order to comply with the Education Code and the Government Code.

Ms. Goulet stated that because the LACCD has its own code section, the Trustee Elections bill would only apply to the LACCD.

Trustee Reddock recommended that the potential Trustee Election bill be discussed further at a future Legislative Affairs Committee meeting in addition to any remaining bills that were not discussed earlier at today's Legislative Affairs Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.