

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, June 26, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Committee: Rodney D. Robinson, Student Trustee; Celena Alcalá, WLAC; James Butler-Zetino, LACC; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; Lelia Isaacs Johnson, LASC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College; Arthur Minasyan, LAVC; Esteban Robledo, LAHC

Participants: Diana Ho, Diana Ho Consulting Group; Bobbi Kimble, ESC; Victor Orellana, LATTTC; Rachael Richards; Linda Tong, LACC

Student Trustee Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

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

Absent: LAMC, Pierce College (arrived at 10:45 a.m.), and LASC (arrived at 10:45 a.m.)

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Ms. Diana Ho presented a report regarding the results of the first ever Districtwide Student I-TAP Program—a partnership between the LACCD and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)—which began on January 1, 2009 and will end on June 30, 2009. She distributed a document regarding the LACCD I-TAP Transportation Pass Program.

Student Trustee Robinson entertained a motion that the Committee would support the principles of the I-TAP Program and explore further details.

Motion by Mr. Butler-Zetino, seconded by Ms. Gnehm, that the Committee would support the principles of the I-TAP Program and explore further details.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Ms. Linda Tong indicated that for the coming year she has been elected as a Region VII Delegate of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). She requested that two minutes be designated at each SAC meeting for the purpose of presenting an SSCCC Region VII report.

Motion by Mr. Butler-Zetino, seconded by Mr. Minasyan, to include the SSCCC Region VII two-minute report as a standing agenda item for the SAC meetings.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Ms. Rachael Richards addressed the SAC regarding the importance of the SAC to meet as a shared governance group on a monthly basis throughout the year. She also discussed Administrative Regulation E-22 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices and Board Rule 91203. Visitors Who Disrupt.

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REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report

Student Trustee Robinson read the news release regarding the resignation of Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond. He indicated that Dr. Adriana Barrera is serving as the Acting Chancellor. He further indicated that Board actions regarding the cancellation of the 2010 Winter Intersession and a furlough action were tabled at the Board meeting of June 24, 2009 until the Board meeting of July 26, 2009.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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

Ms. Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Ms. Eileen Gnehm, WLAC; Mr. Arthur Minasyan, LAVC; Mr. James Butler-Zetino, LACC; Mr. Esteban Robledo, LAHC; and Mr. Victor Orellana, LATTC.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Mr. David Beaulieu was not present.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Gnehm emphasized the importance of the members of the SAC to be involved in the shared governance process and to be provided the opportunity to give their input regarding Board actions that deal with student issues before they are voted on by the Board of Trustees.

There was discussion regarding the importance of the Associated Student Body Presidents to serve as student representatives on the various outside committees such as the District Academic Senate and the Districtwide Budget Committee.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

Board Rule 91203. Visitors Who Disrupt

Board Rule 91204. Non-Student on Campus Without Lawful Business Thereon

Copies of these Board Rules were provided.

These Board Rule revisions were adopted by the Board of Trustees at its regular Board meeting of May 13, 2009 (Com. No. CH1. Adopt Revised Policies Regarding Disruptive Visitors).

Ms. Bobbi Kimble indicated that Board Rule 91203 does not apply to students. She recommended that consultation on these items be postponed until the SAC meeting of July 24, 2009 in order to give Mr. John Clerx an opportunity to discuss them.

There being no objection, consultation on Board Rules 91203 and 91204 was postponed until the SAC meeting of July 24, 2009.

(Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College, and Ms. Lella Isaacs Johnson, LASC, arrived at 10:45 a.m.)

Administrative Regulation E-22 – Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices

Copies of Administrative Regulation E-22 were provided.

Ms. Kimble discussed the document with respect to ASO candidates and officers being required to comply with the minimum standards of the District Code of Conduct. She indicated that the document does not show the proposed revised language and recommended that consultation on Administrative Regulation E-22 be postponed until the SAC meeting of July 24, 2009.

There was discussion regarding Administrative Regulation E-22 with respect to the requirement for an ASO candidate or officer to maintain a cumulative and current GPA of 2.0 during the semesters in which the student government office is applied for and held.

Motion by Mr. Butler-Zetino, seconded by Mr. Minasyan, to recommend the following amendment:

1. The following standards governing candidate and officer (as defined by the ASO Constitution and Bylaws) eligibility for appointed and elected Associated Student Organization officers (ASO), must be met:

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- c. The candidate or officer must have and maintain a cumulative ~~and current~~ GPA of at least 2.0 in units completed at all the colleges in the District during the semesters in which the student government office is applied for and held. ~~Current means the most recently completed semester or session.~~ The ASO Constitution may not set a higher GPA requirement.

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*APPROVED: 7 Ayes (LACC, LAHC, Pierce College, LASC, LATT, LAVC, WLAC)
1 Abstention (ELAC)*

Motion by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to recommend the following amendment:

1. The following standards governing candidate and officer (as defined by the ASO Constitution and Bylaws) eligibility for appointed and elected Associated Student Organization officers (ASO), must be met:

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- g. No disciplinary actions shall be made or applied under Administrative Regulation E-22 until all decisions and verdicts are made.**

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Subsequent to this meeting, Mr. John Clerx clarified that this information is already in the Board Rule.

There being no objection, further consultation on Administrative Regulation E-22 was postponed until the SAC meeting of July 24, 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recycling Program – Joe Lucas, Build—LACCD

No report.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – Student Government Alumni Consultation (Amended)

This resolution was amended and withdrawn at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Ms. Estrada, to adopt the resolution as amended as follows:

- WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations Title 5 section 51023.7(a)(4) states, "The governing board shall recognize each associated student organization or its equivalent within the district as provided by Education Code section 76060, as the representative body of the students to offer opinions and to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with regard to district and college policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. The selection of student representatives to serve on college or district committees, task forces, or other governance groups shall be made, after consultation with designated parties, by the appropriate officially recognized associated student organization(s) within the district."; and
- WHEREAS, Due to the lack of historical memory, operations, resources, and training of the student's legal rights, liabilities, and the turnover of students in California Community Colleges, new student government members may have the possibility of being indoctrinated by the advisors' vision of student government to the detriment of having a student driven organization which may lead to limitations in outside resources, networking, training, and the retention of said historical records; and
- WHEREAS, It is important for student governments to have historical information about their past positions and other actions to protect the historical integrity of student government, which is essential to continue building a strong student governance body; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby formally requests that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby encourages local ~~senates~~ Associated Student Organizations to work with their ~~administrators~~ College Presidents and ASO Advisors to ensure that students have support to establish a mechanism for providing students with historical records of their local senate administration and activities; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby formally requests that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby establishes a student government alumni network in order to ensure continuity of governance statewide; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby formally requests that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby encourages its local Associated Student Body Organizations to create and implement similar local alumni networks to protect the integrity of student government locally.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 8 Ayes

Resolution – Transitional Training Requirements and Digitalized Archive of Records for Student Government

Motion by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Mr. Minasyan, to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Marfil-Amatulli offered the following amendments:

- WHEREAS, Internal operations and external student issues may exist and some may take longer than one student administrative term to address, causing a vital need to have this information provided and defined to the incoming officers and members with proper training; and

- WHEREAS, Over the past decade, great advances in communication technology have been made regarding the direct sharing of information such as: documents, website links, opinions, etc. This has revolutionized the way organizations and individuals conduct business, making digital archives for all records as a realistic and prudent option to provide historical documentation and information amongst all student government administrations; and
- WHEREAS, Not all nine of the Los Angeles Community College District campuses have an official written transitional process or plan; there are always more advanced methods available showing a continued need for outside resources to be developed in this area; and
- WHEREAS, The American Student Government Association (ASGA) is a national organization that researches best practices of student governments across the nation and has a wealth of knowledge, documentation, experts, and other resources on the best methods to conduct transitions for student governments; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby formally requests that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community District hereby mandates that the colleges under its umbrella are required to develop and implement within their respective governing documents language to create a transitional process including holding an annual transitional training based retreat that includes both incoming and outgoing members to commence one month prior to the end of the outgoing term; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Student Affairs Committee of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby formally requests that the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community District hereby direct its colleges to actively work with the ASGA to develop a Los Angeles Community College District based resource packet to provide the general best practices for having transitional training retreats, documenting tracking systems, and integrating a permanent line item in their annual budgets for this purpose and to oversee that this packet is annually disseminated to all District and individual student governments; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Associated Student Organizations of the Los Angeles Community College District shall hereby actively work with the Los Angeles Community College District and the ASGA to distribute these resource-based packets during transitional training retreats, will integrate a permanent line item in their annual budgets for this purpose, and will oversee that this packet is annually disseminated to all incoming individual student governments.

The amendments were accepted by the seconder of the motion.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 8 Ayes

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Resource Table Student Representative – July 15 (ESC) and July 29 (ESC)

Ms. Linda Tong, ASO Executive Vice President, LACC, will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of July 15, 2009 and July 29, 2009.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

For the record, Mr. Marfil-Amatulli requested that the Student Discipline Task Force that was discussed at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009 be added to the SAC Outside Committee Reports.

Motion by Mr. Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Ms. Gnehm, that the Student Discipline Task Force be added to the SAC Outside Committee Reports.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marfil-Amatulli requested that an agenda item regarding the creation of a new website for the ASO be included on the SAC agenda of July 24, 2009 for discussion.

Ms. Gnehm requested that an agenda item regarding classified versus unclassified ASO employees be included on the SAC agenda of July 24, 2009 for discussion.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is July 10, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.