

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Committee: Sylvia Scott-Hayes, Chair; Kelly G. Candaele; Georgia L. Mercer

Participants: David Beaulieu, DAS; Kathleen Burke-Kelly, LATTC; Mary Callahan, LASC; A. Susan Carleo, LAVC; John Clerx, ESC; Gary Colombo, ESC; Yasmin Delahoussaye, LAVC; Larry Eisenberg, ESC; Carl Friedlander, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild; Camille Goulet, ESC; Brent Hurwitz, Build—LACCD; Marvin Martinez, ESC; Joy McCaslin, Pierce College; Ernest Moreno, ELAC; Mark Rocha, WLAC; Judith Valles, LAMC; Tyree Wieder, ESC

Trustee Scott-Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion of Role and Purpose of the Committee

Trustee Scott-Hayes related verbatim the following statement: The Legislative Affairs Committee meets to identify and prioritize Districtwide policy issues that require legislative action. The committee formulates recommended policy positions and monitors District efforts to work collaboratively with local, state, and national legislators to advance the interests of District students and stakeholders.

Dr. Tyree Wieder, Interim Chancellor indicated that the Chancellor's Cabinet discussed the bills that are of particular concern to the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and that at today's meeting further discussion will take place on the legislative bills that the LACCD are interested in pursuing. She indicated that Mr. Patrick McCallum, McCallum Group Inc., will be apprised of today's outcomes/concerns, which he will address and report back to the Committee on how to proceed. Interim Chancellor Wieder deferred to Mr. Gary Colombo and Mr. John Clerx.

Development of 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda

Copies of a document entitled "Legislative Affairs Committee Agenda" were distributed.

Mr. Colombo and Mr. Clerx discussed the document with respect to the strategy to move the following proposed bills in 2010 which would apply to the K-12 schools in areas serviced by community colleges:

Title: K-to-College Success—this legislation would mitigate obstacles to offering college courses at K-12 schools in areas served by community colleges. It would eliminate provisions in current law mandating open access to college classes and public notice of course offerings for classes taught at partner K-12 institutions. It would also waive tuition and fees for all community college students concurrently enrolled in a public California K-12 school.

AB 555 (Portantino & Furutani) would have created a concurrent enrollment pilot project for four community college districts, including LACCD. The bill would have expanded the ability of community college districts to provide postsecondary opportunities to secondary school students. The bill also

included language to waive open course enrollment requirements for community college districts providing courses on high school campuses.

Mr. Clerx indicated that the Education Code requires college courses taught at K-12 locations to be open to the public. In addition, current law requires non-resident students to pay non-resident fees, unless waived due to evidence of financial hardship.

Dr. Wieder discussed the document with respect to "Accountability". She indicated that the Governor vetoed the bill because the penalties were not harsh for non-compliance. The bill will return and the LACCD needs to prepare legislation that is in the best interest of the LACCD.

Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye distributed copies of a document entitled "Decentralization of Cal Grants." She summarized the document with respect to the timeline of the decentralization of Cal Grants that have taken place from January 9, 2009 through September 15, 2009. She indicated that the Governor vetoed half of the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) budget to administer the Cal Grant and other financial aid programs—reduced from \$13 million to \$6.7 million. The Commission staff will be reduced from 137 to 14 effective January 2010. She strongly recommends that the California Community College System, University of California (UC) System, California State University (CSU) System, and private universities (four segments) go back to work on decentralization.

Ms. Camille Goulet summarized the document with respect to the following proposed bill:

Title: Pass-Through Costs for Inspection of Public Records

Mr. Larry Eisenberg summarized the document with respect to the following proposed bills:

Title: Design Assist

Title: Change Order Clarification

Title: Best Value Procurement

Mr. Eisenberg indicated that in the process it was concluded that the following bills did not need legislation.

Title: Pre-Qualification on Sale of Surplus Electronic Equipment

Title: Shared Savings on Construction Projects

Title: Early Completion Incentive Payments on Construction Projects

Mr. Eisenberg distributed copies of a document entitled "Proposed Legislation." He summarized the document with respect to the following proposed legislative bills:

Title: Feed-in Tariff

Title: Lease-Leaseback Capability

Title: Job Order Contracting

Mr. Marvin Martinez distributed copies of a document entitled "H.R. 3221." He indicated that the proposed bill passed the House and is now in the Senate. He anticipates that the bill will be out next week. It is called the American Graduation Act. The official technical name is H.R. 3221. The purpose of this bill is to graduate Five Million students over the next ten years by the year 2020. The goal is to utilize these dollars for graduation, reform, and transfer students to four-year institutions. This bill is to be used for community colleges exclusively. Mr. Martinez added that vital decisions must be made in advance to figure out how to apply for and use these funds. He discussed the following highlights of the H.R. 3221: Federal Assistance for Community College Modernization and Construction; Grants to Eligible Entities for Community College Reform; Grants to Eligible States for Community College Programs; \$500 Million Distance Learning and Innovation Fund; \$255 Million Per Year for Five Years for STEM Programs at Historically Black and Minority Serving Institutions; Language Included in the Legislation to Emphasize Sector-Based Workforce Development Approaches; and \$40 Billion to Increase Maximum Pell Grants.

There was discussion regarding how the application of the H.R. 3221 will be configured in respect to fund allocations between the District and the Colleges.

Update: Federal Legislative Initiatives

No discussion was held.

Update: Community College League of California Advisory Legislative Committee

No discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.