

**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, December 16, 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 10:13 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Modify Change Order Statute

Mr. Larry Eisenberg distributed copies of a document entitled “Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Proposed Legislative Modifications, Change Order Limitations to Sealed Bid Construction Contracts.” He summarized the document with respect to the ten percent “absolute value” proposed change order limitations. Mr. Eisenberg indicated that currently, Community College Districts in California are limited to modifying a sealed bid construction contract to ten percent of the original contract value. He discussed that the proposed modifications will explicitly allow the District to apply the net effect of the changes, as well as exclude unforeseen conditions from the calculation.

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to recommend to the full Board the proposed revision to the change order limitations to sealed bid construction contracts.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Update: Federal Relations

Mr. Marvin Martinez distributed copies of a document entitled “LACCD 2010 Community College Federal Legislative Issues.” Mr. Martinez summarized the document with respect to the following Federal initiatives that were introduced today: Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010; Community College Emergency Stabilization Fund (HR 4196); American Graduation Initiative (HR 3221); Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization; Carl D. Perkins Act; Higher Education Act (HEA); DREAM Act; and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization. He discussed that the Community College Emergency Stabilization Fund (HR 4196) will provide \$750 million to community colleges in emergency funds for hiring faculty and other staff who have growth in student enrollment and to community colleges that are in areas that have the highest unemployment rate in the country. The LACCD meets both of these criteria and will have further discussions and questions regarding the aforementioned funding sources if and when they are passed.

Mr. Martinez indicated that the Senate passed a \$1.1 trillion spending Omnibus Bill which included a total of five earmarks for the following LACCD colleges: Los Angeles City College (LACC)—Nursing program—\$450,000 and—Entrepreneur training and small business program—\$150,000; Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC)—

Health professions training—\$300,000; Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC)—Workforce development in energy efficient and green tech fields—\$300,000; and West Los Angeles College (WLAC)—Pathways to 21st century careers program—\$600,000.

Mr. Martinez stated that included in the Omnibus Bill is an earmark for \$6 billion in grants awarded for the National Science Foundation (NSF) which is currently mandated by legislation to reach out to Hispanic-serving Institutions and in particular to Hispanic agricultural serving institutions.

Trustee Scott-Hayes recommended that the colleges coordinate their efforts to obtain funding from the National Science Foundation for LACCD students.

There was discussion with respect to the renewal of the contract with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., —LACCD lobbyists in Washington D.C. The consensus was that Cassidy & Associates, Inc. has been instrumental in the success of earmarks/grants awarded to the LACCD.

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to recommend to the full Board the renewal of the Cassidy & Associates, Inc. contract.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Update: State Legislative

Copies of a document entitled “LACCD Legislative Update – December 16, 2009” were distributed.

Mr. Patrick McCallum participated/discussed the document to the Committee via telephone from Sacramento with respect to the New Assembly Speaker Elect, Los Angeles Democrat Mr. John Perez; the following recent hearings regarding the Master Plan Review for Higher Education issues and facing the committee; i.e., Funding, Basic Skills, Transfer, and Accountability.

He discussed the Fee Revenue Proposals with respect to the student fees proposal of \$30 per unit up to a ten-unit cap.

Mr. McCallum discussed the document with respect to the following LACCD Legislative Program/proposals for 2010: Elections Bill, Design Assist, and the Community College League Legislative Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.