

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
811 Wilshire Boulevard Building
Showroom – 1st Floor
811 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017**

**Friday, February 24, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Committee: Brandon Batham, Chair; Tony Alonzo, ELAC; Norvan Berkezyan, LAVC; Daniel Campos, LAMC; Yui Fan, LAHC; Dilcia Gomez, LATTTC; Bobbi Kimble, ESC; Luciano Morales, LASC; Mister Searcy, WLAC

Interim Student Batham called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

A quorum was present.

The following colleges were present: ELAC, LAHC, LAMC, LASC, and LAVC.

Absent: LACC, Pierce College, LATTTC (arrived at 9:29 a.m.), and WLAC (arrived at 9:31 a.m.)

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Mr. Peter Mathews addressed the Committee regarding the Tax Oil to Fund Education Initiative, which will prohibit oil companies from passing on the tax to consumers by raising gas prices. He distributed a flyer regarding the Initiative and a petition to get this Initiative on the ballot.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the Initiative.

(Ms. Dilcia Gomez, LATTTC, arrived at 9:29 a.m.)

(Mr. Mister Searcy, WLAC, arrived at 9:31 a.m.)

Ms. April Abercrombie addressed the Committee regarding the “*March in March*” to be held on March 5, 2012 with respect to the importance of the students to lobby together to make their voices heard in Sacramento.

Ms. Linda Tong addressed the Committee regarding the possible elimination of the campus Child Development Centers. She encouraged the ASO/ASU Presidents to tell their personal stories when they attend the “*March in March*.”

Ms. Emily Reuman addressed the Committee on behalf of PublicWaterWorks.org regarding the effort to safeguard the public water systems.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the public water systems.

Mr. Nehasi Lee requested that Interim Student Trustee Batham encourage the LACCD administrators to allow Region 7 of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) to utilize the District Office facilities for its meetings on the days that the SAC meetings are held. He encouraged the student leaders to participate in the “*March in March*.”

REVIEW BOARD AGENDAS (Standing Item)

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that, per a mandate from the General Counsel, the SAC does not approve agendas at any meeting because the SAC is a Brown Act compliant committee.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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

Ms. Yui Fan, LAHC; Mr. Norvan Berkezyan, LAVC; Mr. Tony Alonzo, ELAC; Mr. Luciano Morales, LASC; Mr. Daniel Campos, LAMC; Mr. Mister Searcy, WLAC; and Ms. Dilcia Gomez, LATTC.

Ms. Fan and Mr. Morales distributed their reports.

STUDENT TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

For the record, Interim Student Trustee Batham stated that he will not be seeking election to a full term as Student Trustee. He discussed the Board meeting of February 22, 2012 with respect to Chancellor LaVista's presentation regarding a nationwide effort to make community colleges more equitable and accessible to all students. He indicated that the California community colleges are facing a \$149 million budget shortfall statewide.

Interim Student Trustee Batham explained the residence requirement Board Rule, which currently requires a student to complete 12 units at a community college in order to obtain a degree from that college. He indicated that the District Curriculum Committee is considering changing the requirement to include six units from the student's major. He further indicated that he is attempting to have a Board member attend the SAC meetings.

LIAISON REPORTS

District Office Report

Ms. Bobbi Kimble reported that the state budget projections will result in a loss of 2,150 course sections throughout the District. She further reported that she presented to the Chief Student Services Officers (CSSOs) the SAC's recommendation from the meeting of January 27, 2012 to implement negative check-off on a Districtwide basis. She indicated that the Student Trustee election process has begun and encouraged any student leaders who are interested to run for this position.

Ms. Kimble distributed the Chancellor's Directive regarding the change in the no penalty drop date. She indicated that the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has decided that it will not pay for students who drop after the census date but before they are assigned a "W." She requested that the ASO/ASU Presidents spread the word to the students on their campus regarding this change, which will become effective in the Summer Session of 2012.

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that the Board Rule regarding the residence requirement would be placed on the agenda of the next SAC meeting as a consultation item.

ASO/ASU Advisors Report

Ms. M. Sonia Lopez indicated that the ASO/ASU Advisors are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. At this meeting, the Advisors will discuss the "*March in March*," negative check-off, the Student Trustee election and local ASO/ASU elections, and budget cuts.

Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Report

With respect to the repeatability policy that permits to repeat a course up to three times, Mr. Joe Ramirez discussed the importance of students to complete a specific course at the first attempt as opposed to having to repeat the course. He indicated that repeating a course three times would impact a student's ability to transfer to a four-year institution.

Mr. Ramirez presented updates regarding the Pell grant, "*Achieving the Dream*," and budget cuts.

District Academic Senate Report (11 a.m.)

No report.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

ASO/ASU Advisors' Role

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that something needs to be created in writing with respect to the ASO/ASU Advisors' role.

There was discussion regarding the duties and functions of the ASO/ASU Advisors.

Mr. Campos requested that the minutes reflect that the SAC requested a job description.

Interim Student Trustee Batham discussed the possibility of establishing a committee made up of the Advisors and the ASO/ASU Presidents to look into developing a written document regarding the Advisors' role.

There was discussion regarding the role of the ASO/ASU Advisors as outlined in the ASO/ASU Constitutions.

Ms. Lopez indicated that there is currently no job description for ASO/ASU Advisors. She indicated that at the Advisors meeting of February 28, 2012, she would request each of the Advisors to provide her with a list of their duties.

Interim Student Trustee Batham inquired if it would be possible for the SAC to send a representative to the ASO/ASU Advisors meeting.

Ms. Lopez responded that she does not have a problem with this.

Motion by Mr. Campos that the SAC create an ad hoc committee in order to create a job description, which would be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Interim Student Trustee Batham offered a friendly amendment that this ad hoc committee would be made up of an equal number of Advisors and students—preferably two students and two Advisors—and that he would chair this committee.

Mr. Campos accepted the amendment.

Mr. Searcy seconded the motion as amended.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Roundtable Discussion

There was discussion regarding the "*March in March*" on March 5, 2012 with respect to the cost of transportation to Sacramento.

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that the SAC meeting scheduled for April 27, 2012 coincides with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) General Assembly. He indicated that this meeting would be moved to April 20, 2012.

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that the SAC does not have bylaws and recommended that bylaws be established in order to create a stronger understanding of the functions of the SAC.

Mr. Campos expressed his concern regarding the establishment of bylaws because they would require a two-thirds vote to make any changes.

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There being no objection, Interim Student Trustee Batham suspended the order of business in order to move the District Citizens' Oversight Committee report out of order.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Citizens' Oversight Committee – Jaden K. Ledkins, Student Representative

Mr. Jaden K. Ledkins indicated that at the District Citizens' Oversight Committee (DCOC) meeting scheduled for later this day, the agenda items that will be discussed include the LACCD organizational structure, Build—LACCD, and legal issues.

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CONSULTATION ITEMS

Change in No Penalty Drop Date per California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Directive

This item was consulted earlier during the meeting.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

District Academic Senate (DAS) – Yui Fan, Student Representative; Norvan Berkezyan, Alternate

Mr. Berkezyan reported on the DAS meeting of February 9, 2012.

District Budget Committee (DBC) – Vacant, Student Representative; Norvan Berkezyan, Alternate

No report.

Mr. Berkezyan indicated that he is the new Student Representative to the DBC, effective February 24, 2012.

Interim Student Trustee Batham indicated that a new alternate needs to be appointed.

Mr. Campos nominated himself.

Mr. Searcy seconded the nomination.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

District Curriculum Committee – Daniel Campos, Student Representative

No report.

Mr. Campos indicated that an alternate needs to be appointed to the District Curriculum Committee.

Interim Student Trustee Batham entertained a motion to nominate him as the alternate.

Mr. Berkezyan nominated Interim Student Trustee Batham.

Mr. Searcy seconded the nomination.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

District Citizens' Oversight Committee – Jaden K. Ledkins, Student Representative

This item was taken out of order and the report was presented earlier during the meeting.

LACCD Sheriff's Oversight Ad Hoc Committee – Luciano Morales, Student Representative

No report.

Interim Student Trustee Batham entertained a motion to nominate an alternate.

Mr. Berkezyan nominated himself.

Mr. Searcy seconded the nomination.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

AD HOC COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Student Advocacy Committee – James Garcia, Chair

No report.

Student Information System (SIS) Committee – James Garcia

No report.

Ad Hoc Transportation Committee – Vacant, Chair

No report.

There was discussion regarding whether or not to keep the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee.

Mr. Campos spoke in support of keeping this Committee.

Interim Student Trustee Batham entertained a motion to disband the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee.

Motion by Mr. Berkezyan, seconded by Mr. Searcy, to disband the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee.

*FAILED: 4 Ayes (ELAC, LAHC, LASC, LAVC)
3 Noes (LAMC, LATTTC, WLAC)*

RESOURCE TABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. James Garcia, ASU President, ELAC, will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of March 7, 2012 (ELAC) and March 21, 2012 (ESC).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2012 at 9 a.m. The deadline for submitting agenda items is Monday, March 5, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.