

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Educational Services Center  
Board Room – First Floor  
770 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Committee: Nancy Pearlman, Chair; Scott J. Svonkin; and Steve Veres.

Trustee Pearlman called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

For the record: As an appointee with Senator De Leon, Trustee Veres stated that he has consulted with the Legislative Counsel's Office in Sacramento and the General Counsel's Office of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) as to his participation in the LACCD Legislative Committee. They have concluded that although there is currently no conflict of interest, if issues arise in which there may be a conflict of interest, Trustee Veres may remove himself as a cautionary measure.

LACCD Positions Required for Bills

- AB 1500 (Perez) Establishes the *Middle Class Scholarship Fund* and modifies the Single Sales Factor corporate tax law to reverse the \$1 billion tax benefit provided in 2009 to out-of-state corporations. Revenues generated from modifying this corporate tax law will be deposited into the *Middle Class Scholarship Fund* to provide economic relief to middle income families pursuant to the Middle Class Scholarship established in AB 1501.
- AB 1501 (Perez) Establishes the *Middle Class Scholarship* for those families who earn less than \$150,000 per year. It provides funding to improve affordability of California Community Colleges and slashes student fees by two-thirds for middle class students at the CSU and the UC.

The following documents entitled "LACCD Board of Trustees' Legislative Committee Meeting, April 25, 2012" and "Bill Lists of Support and Opposition, April 25, 2012" were distributed.

Ms. Perrin Reid discussed and recommended that the Committee support AB 1500 (Perez) and AB 1501 (Perez).

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to support AB 1500 (Perez) and AB 1501 (Perez).

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

- SB 1328 (De Leon) Requires publishers, that supply textbooks or other instructional material to a postsecondary institution, to provide information about that textbook (e.g., title, author, publisher, retail price, edition, copyright, ISBN) using a standard *Xml* or *comma-delimited* format, or both. (Formats defined in bill.). Existing law urges publishers to take specified actions aimed at reducing the amounts that postsecondary education students currently pay for textbooks.

Ms. Reid discussed and recommended that the Committee support SB 1328 (De Leon).

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to support SB 1328 (De Leon).

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

- SB 1509 (Simitian) Deletes the January 1, 2014 repeal date for a school district governing board to enter into a design-build contract for both the design and construction of a school facility if specified requirements are met. The bill would make the chapter operative indefinitely.

Ms. Reid discussed and recommended that the Committee support SB 1509 (Simitian).

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Veres, to support SB 1509 (Simitian).

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

- **Companion Bills SB 1356 (De Leon) and SB 1466 (De Leon)**

**SB 1356 (De Leon) This bill would expand Cal Grants to middle income Californians through \$500 million in available tax credits in the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Fund by leveraging federal tax deductions for charitable contributions. The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporate Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.**

**SB 1466 (De Leon) Commencing with the 2014-15 academic year, this bill would expand the household income level for Cal Grants to include middle-income Californians whose families make less than \$150,000 a year.**

Ms. Reid discussed and recommended that the Committee support SB 1356 (De Leon) and SB 1466 (De Leon).

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Veres, to support SB 1356 (De Leon) and SB 1466 (De Leon).

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

Trustee Svonkin requested that a list of all the bills of which the Committee has taken a position and their status be provided to the Committee periodically.

Trustee Veres requested that any substantial amendments to the bills that could potentially change the Board of Trustees' position be added to the list that Trustee Svonkin is requesting, so that the Committee can restate its position, if necessary.

Chancellor LaVista agreed that a summary list would be a good method in which to keep track of the status of the bills for which the Board of Trustees has already taken a position.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the Committee's desire to send letters to the LACCD legislative delegation asking for their support of the bills that the Board of Trustees has taken a position.

Trustee Pearlman requested that the Committee consult with Mr. Patrick McCallum as to how to proceed and requested that this topic be placed on the agenda for further discussion at a future Committee meeting.

Chancellor LaVista stated that the District has no full-time staff dedicated to legislative issues and that the LACCD relies on its lobbyist to shape the District's strategy. He indicated that he will work with Mr. McCallum for direction.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### DISCUSSION

None.

#### SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.