

Los Angeles Community College District

2015 Priorities

REQUESTED ACTION - Approval by the Board of Trustees to focus on the following:

Concurrent/Dual Enrollment: Last year, the LACCD co-sponsored legislation that would provide the District with the opportunity to partner with K-12 districts to create concurrent enrollment pathways for high school students. That legislation stalled in Senate Appropriations. However, there is great interest in bringing it back this year. This interest was expressed by many at the brainstorming meeting. Action: the Board supports this item as a District-sponsored bill which will be before the Legislature and Governor.

Implementation of Growth Funding Formula: Last year, as a part of the budget, a new funding formula for growth was to be developed through a consultative process. However, in the last days of the budget process, new language was inserted to budget trailer bill. The new factors are not completely beneficial to the LACCD. Action: the Board supports delaying the formula for one year and developing a formula that will address the needs of the district.

Adult Education: The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC) is continuing its efforts to develop an Adult Education Plan. The 2nd phase submission deadline (October 31, 2014) was successfully met and the consortium is poised to also meet its 3rd phase submission deadline of December 31st. LARAEC is comprised of the following members: LACCD (fiscal lead), LAUSD, Montebello USD, Burbank USD, and Culver City USD. The Governor has indicated that \$500 million will go out for adult education. There are governance issues as well as funding issues: Action: the Board supports a governance structure that does not disadvantage the district and supports an allocation methodology that allows LACCD to compete for a larger share of the funding and allows for transfer of programs from K-12 to the community college.

Mandate funding for CalSTRS/CalPERS: last year, as a part of the budget process, the Governor and Legislature approved dramatic increases in CalSTRS contributions for employees, the state and employers; meanwhile, the CalSTRS board has also approved employer increases. In response to the increased cost, the administration and Legislature also included funding for mandates that went out on a per FTES basis that could be used to cover the cost increase. There was a great desire to continue this funding moving forward. Action: the Board supports including additional funding for mandates in the budget that can help mitigate the costs of CalSTRS and CalPERS.

Apprentice as a Success: there was concern expressed that there are many students in the District that are placed into apprenticeship programs and become apprentices which is not counted as a "success" pursuant to student success act requirements. Some expressed a desire to have this included as a success. **Action:** the Board supports adding students that move into apprenticeship programs count as a success on the Chancellor's Office student success matrices.

\$250 million Career Pathway Grant: The 2nd round of funding (\$250m) is now available from the CA Department of Education with the overarching goal of the CCPT being to build robust partnerships between employers, schools, and community colleges in order to better prepare students for the 21st century workplace and improve student transition into postsecondary education, training, and employment. With a due date of February 6th, the LACCD is moving towards submitting a \$15m regional consortium grant proposal that represents all nine of its community colleges. Communications with individual community colleges, regional businesses, and high schools are now occurring as well as other added-value partners. **Action:** the Board supports efforts to work with the Executive Branch and Legislature to achieve the desired result.

FOR INFORMATION & UPDATE:

Implementation of SB 850: Last year, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 850 which authorizes a baccalaureate degree pilot program which permits 15 colleges in 15 different districts to offer one baccalaureate degree program. The Chancellor's Office is in the process of implementing the regulations for the program. There was a desire to put forth one of LACCD's programs for consideration. The first round application RFP has gone out and is due back by December 19th.

Implementation of SB 1391 Inmate Education: last year, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation that equalizes funding for community colleges to offer education in a correctional setting. The bill also contains approximately \$2 million in grant funding for allocation through an interagency agreement between the Chancellor's Office and the Department of Corrections for innovative programs. There was a desire to move to offering some of these programs, but also reaching out to local businesses to create pathways for these students. There have also been discussions to look at statewide best practices through the Chancellor's Office and to leverage foundational dollars to increase program offerings.