

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
West Los Angeles College
Fine Arts Building, Room 103
9000 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

Committee: Mike Fong, Chair; Mike Eng, Vice Chair; and Sydney K. Kamlager

Trustee Fong called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

All members were present.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Update

A memorandum from “Holland & Knight” regarding: Federal Policy Update was distributed.

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, and Mr. Daniel C. “Dan” Maldonado, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, gave an update regarding President Trump’s revised executive order banning travelers from six majority-Muslim countries, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Immigration, Appropriations/Federal Budget, Higher Education Act Reauthorization, Affordable Care Act, and Transgender Student Protections.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding various issues of concern with respect to the impact on students and students in the workforce with the risk of losing their only access to healthcare with the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Maldonado recommended that a letter be addressed to the current administration in coalition with other community colleges in support of the Affordable Care Act.

Motioned by Trustee Eng, second by Trustee Kamlager, to charge Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez to draft a letter with the guidance of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Advocates. The letter should focus on the consequences of the Affordable Care Act repeal efforts by the present administration on students and constituents of the LACCD.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Chancellor Rodriguez recommended that the letter also include a statement in support of the Year-Round Pell Grant.

Ms. Pollner noted the Committee's recommendations.

Trustee Fong acknowledged and thanked Ms. Pollner and Mr. Maldonado for their efforts in advocating on behalf of the LACCD and the college presidents for financial aid and immigration reform.

State Update

A memorandum from Strategic Education Services regarding: "Update on Activities" was distributed.

Dr. Dale F. Shimasaki, Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Education Services, discussed the bills of interest with respect to Adult Education, Dual Enrollment, and Career Technical Education.

Dr. Shimasaki reported that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications experienced a last minute increase of submissions as the result of media coverage, extensive outreach from campuses, and pleas from legislators. He continued to discuss various component with respect to the Remedial Education Program.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the presentation.

Update on Immigration Legislation Introduced in the California State Legislature for 2017-2018 Session

A document entitled "McCallum Group, Inc., Los Angeles Community College District, Legislative Committee Report – 3/8/17" was distributed.

Mr. Patrick McCallum, Legislative Advocate, The McCallum Group, Inc., discussed the Department of Finance with respect to the budget trailer bill language regarding the Guided Pathways Initiative, the Innovations Awards, and Santiago's AB 19 – the Promise Legislation.

Mr. Mark McDonald, Legislative Advocate, The McCallum Group, Inc., discussed the legislative deadline, the following DACA and Dream Students bills: SB 68 (Lara); SB 539 (de Leon); SB 573 (Lara); the following Program Expansion bills: AB 405 (Irwin); SB 577 (Dodds); and SB 769 (Hill); and Other Bills of Interest: AB 705 (Irwin) and AB 931 (McCarty).

Trustee Kamlager discussed various issues of concern with respect to "*formerly incarcerated students*" who attempt to enroll in the LACCD and apply for financial aid. She inquired if there is any legislative or regulatory actions being taken to address these issues that impact students who are trying to obtain success through our colleges.

Mr. McCallum responded that he would research and explore how to address these issues and provide a report to the Committee.

Trustee Kamlager inquired as to the consequences of "*foster youth failed adoption*" that triggers difficulties with obtaining financial aid for these students.

Mr. McDonald stated that he would research this issue and provide a report to the Committee.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the presentation.

Mr. Paul Bauer, Managing Director, Mercury LLC, gave a summary of the status of Senator Ricardo Lara's efforts to pursue a redistricting bill that would redraw the LACCD district boundaries.

State Update (continued)

A memorandum from Strategic Education Services regarding: "Update on Immigration Legislation" was distributed.

Dr. Shimasaki gave a summary of the status of the immigration bills introduced.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez gave an update on the The DACA/Student Rights Task Force, Co-chaired by Trustee Mike Eng.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

November 2, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.