

**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, March 20, 2013
12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Committee: Kelly Candaele, Chair and Mona Field. Absent: Tina Park (arrived at 12:11 p.m.)

Trustee Candaele called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Ms. Joanne Waddell expressed her concern that SB 520 (Steinberg) was not on today's agenda. She requested that the proposed bill be presented at a future Committee meeting.

(Trustee Park arrived at 12:11 p.m.)

Mr. Patrick McCallum responded that the legislative delegation has announced SB 520 (Steinberg) although the details have not been released on print. He advised the Committee to meet more frequently in order to discuss and take positions on the Los Angeles Community College District's (LACCD) bills of interest as they become available in print.

The following documents were distributed:

“What is Hydraulic Fracturing?” and “A Community Health & Safety Study”

Mr. Lance Simmens, Dr. Khin Khin Gyi, and Ms. Olga Shewfelt addressed the Board in support of Com. No. BT2. Resolution in Support of a Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”).

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution in Support of a Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)

A document entitled “Resolution in Support of a Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)” was distributed.

Trustee Field indicated that the Board of Trustees received more than 50 emails from the West Los Angeles College (WLAC) community supporting this resolution.

Mr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President, WLAC, addressed the Board regarding the possible negative effects of “fracking” and the impact they would have on the WLAC community.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Park, to recommend to the full Board the Resolution in Support of Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

SB 4 (Pavley) Oil and Gas: Hydraulic Fracturing

This bill would define, among other things, the terms hydraulic fracturing and hydraulic fracturing fluid. This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2015, to cause to be conducted an independent scientific study on hydraulic fracturing treatments. The bill would require the division, on or before January 1, 2015, to adopt rules and regulations specific to hydraulic fracturing and require an operator to apply for a permit. The bill would make persons who violate specified provisions relating to hydraulic fracturing subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not to exceed \$25,000 per day per violation. The bill would allow moneys described above to be used for all costs associated with hydraulic fracturing including scientific studies required to evaluate the treatment, inspections, and any air and water monitoring and testing performed by public entities. This bill would require the supervisor, on or before January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, to transmit to the Legislature and make available publicly a comprehensive report on hydraulic fracturing in the exploration and production of oil and gas resources in the state.

A document entitled "FACT Sheet: SB4" was distributed.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Park, to support SB 4 (Pavley).

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

SB 284 (De León) Income Taxes: Credits: Contributions to Education Funds

This bill, under the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and before January 1, 2017, would allow a credit equal to a certain percentage of a contribution to the College Access Tax Credit Fund, established by this bill, for specified education purposes, as provided. This bill would specify that the aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated under both laws shall not exceed \$500,000,000 for each calendar year.

SB 285 (De León) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

This bill would appropriate, without regard to fiscal years, an amount certified by the Student Aid Commission as available for expenditure from the College Access Tax Credit Fund to the commission for distribution to students to supplement Cal Grant B access cost awards to bring those students' total annual awards for access costs to not more than \$5,000 from the current limit of \$1551 annually.

The following documents were distributed:

"SB 284/285 (De León) College Access Tax Credit Fund", "Senate Bill No. 284," and "Senate Bill No. 285."

Mr. McCallum discussed and recommended that the Committee support SB 284 (De León) and SB 285 (De León).

Motion by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Field, to support SB 284 (De León) and SB 285 (De León).

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

AB 955 (Williams) Community Colleges: Intersession Extension Programs

This bill would authorize the governing board of any community college district to maintain an extension program offering credit courses during summer and winter intersessions. The bill would provide that an extension program established under the bill may include any courses that are part of a course of study leading to a certificate, degree, or transfer to an institution that awards baccalaureate degrees.

The following documents were distributed:

“AB 955 (Williams): Community colleges: intersession extension programs” and “AB 955 (Williams), as proposed to be amended Community College Intersession Extension Program.”

Mr. George Markarian addressed the Committee in opposition to AB 955 (Williams) Community Colleges: Intersession Extension Programs.

Mr. McCallum discussed and recommended that the Committee oppose AB 955 (Williams).

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Park, to oppose AB 955 (Williams).

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

AB 450 (Jones-Sawyer and Bocanegra) Postsecondary Education: Community College Trustee Areas
Existing law requires members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large in odd-numbered years in a specified manner, except as specified commencing with the 2013 election. This bill, instead, would require the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District to establish 7 trustee areas in the district by July 1, 2014, and would require members of the Board of Trustees to be elected by trustee area, as specified.

A document entitled “AB 450 (Bocanegra and Jones-Sawyer): Postsecondary education: community college trustee areas” was distributed.

Mr. McCallum discussed and recommended that the Committee oppose AB 450 (Jones-Sawyer and Bocanegra).

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to oppose AB 450 (Jones-Sawyer and Bocanegra).

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.