

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
6th Floor Conference Room
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

Committee: Andra Hoffman, Chair; Mike Fong, Vice Chair; Mike Eng, Member

Chair Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There being no objection, Trustee Hoffman took out of order New Business •
LACCD Federal Legislative Priorities for 2015-16 (Holland & Knight).

NEW BUSINESS

- LACCD Federal Legislative Priorities for 2015-16 (Holland & Knight)

A document entitled "LACCD Federal Policy Priorities, 114th Congress" was distributed.

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, introduced Mr. Rick Taylor, Dakota Communications and Mr. Daniel C. "Dan" Maldonado, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, and discussed the document with respect to the development of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Federal Policy Priorities determined at the Board retreat held in August 2015. She deferred to Mr. Maldonado.

Mr. Maldonado discussed various issues of concern with respect to the LACCD Federal Policy Priorities regarding urging members of Congress to support funding for students assistance, Pell Grant, and higher education programs. He also discussed accreditation reform efforts and campus safety improvements.

Mr. Taylor discussed various components with respect to coordinating congressional visits at the colleges' in order to showcase what the LACCD is doing to promote student success. He indicated that he would be meeting with the Committee in order to plan a strategy on how to maximize the visits.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding various components with respect to the LACCD Federal Policy Priorities, 114th Congress.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Ms. Joanne Waddell, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, Local 1521, expressed her concern that standard practice in the past has been that the LACCD by now would have developed legislative priorities and as of today it is apparent that no engagements with statewide partners and the LACCD advocates have been developed. She indicated that at this point with the holidays fast approaching the opportunity to seek input and coalition will be difficult to establish.

Mr. John McDowell, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, concurred with Ms. Waddell's observations and discussed various issues of concern regarding the lack of representation in Sacramento by the LACCD Legislative Advocate, McCallum Group, Inc. He indicated that the McCallum Group's efforts have transformed the LACCD image throughout the State in a positive manner.

Trustee Hoffman concurred with Ms. Waddell and Mr. McDowell's concerns. She indicated that she has been receiving emails from constituents and staff as to recommendation for Fiscal Year 2015-16 legislation.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding various issues of concern regarding new legislation with respect to various funding opportunities.

Trustee Hoffman expressed her concern that the LACCD has no Legislative Advocate in Sacramento to communicate the interest of the LACCD.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the development of legislative priorities.

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on AB 86/AB 104 Adult Education (Marvin Martinez, President, ELAC)

A document entitled "AB 104 Adult Education Block Grant" was distributed.

Mr. Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College (ELAC), discussed the document with respect to the Adult Education Block Grant funding proposals. He deferred to Dr. Adrienne Ann Mullen, Dean, Adult Education, Los Angeles Community College District and Dr. Felicito "Chito" Cajayon, Vice Chancellor, Economic and Workforce Development.

Mr. Martinez, Dr. Mullen, and Dr. Cajayon discussed the document with respect to various issues of concern regarding the Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC) proposal to utilize Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) structure to distribute the funds, which is a tremendous disadvantage for the LACCD. Mr. Martinez continued to discuss the LARAEC governance proposals regarding the weighted voting options.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding various issues of concern regarding the LARAEC governance proposals with respect to a strategy to obtain from the Governor a plan to resolve the inequities of the weighted voting protocols to better position the LACCD.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez noted for the record the Committee's direction:

- Write a letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown and copy Dr. Brice W. Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges and Mr. Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, reiterating the LACCD's concerns regarding the inequity as it pertains to the voting proposals and that a legislative formula be developed to better position the LACCD in the LARAEC.
- That the LACCD Board President could reach out to LAUSD Board President.
- Reach out to Assembly Member Miguel Santiago for support.
- Reach out to Mr. Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for support.

NEW BUSINESS

- State-level Updates (Lizette Navarette, Community College League of California)

Documents entitled "2015 Legislative Update, Lizette Navarette, Community College League of California" and "Governor's Action, First Year 2015-16 Legislative Session, League Tracked Bills" were distributed.

Ms. Lizette Navarette, Legislative Advocate, Community College League of California, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to various components regarding 2015 legislative measures that were introduced by the Legislature; bills that were signed into law by the Governor regarding concurrent/dual enrollment; accreditation; purchasing; affordability; campus safety; employment; and the Governor's vetoes. She continued to discuss legislation for 2016 with respect to accreditation, facilities, education funding adequacy, part-time faculty, early childhood education, financial aid, workforce, and 2016-17 System Budget Request.

Trustee Hoffman thanked Ms. Navarette for the very informative presentation and for traveling to Los Angeles to participate in the Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.