

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Los Angeles Mission College
Campus Center – Room 1
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342
Wednesday, September 7, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

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

Trustee Fong called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Update: Call-in from Federal–Holland & Knight; State–The McCallum Group Inc., Mercury LLC, and Strategic Education Services

Dr. Robert B. Miller, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Resource Development, indicated that the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Legislative Advocates from Holland & Knight, Strategic Education Services, and The McCallum Group, Inc. were present via conference call. He requested that they introduce themselves, beginning with Holland & Knight.

Review of 2015-2016 Legislative Priorities – Update

Holland & Knight

Mr. Daniel C. “Dan” Maldonado, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight, introduced Ms. Jennifer McKee and noted that Ms. Leslie Pollner was not able to participate.

Mr. Maldonado discussed various issues of concern with respect to funding efforts for Zika virus research. As it pertains to federal funding, he stated that there is new work in progress but little has been accomplished in regards to the appropriation bills and omnibus funding bill package. He deferred to Ms. McKee.

Ms. McKee discussed various issues of concern as it pertains to the Higher Education Act reauthorization not proceeding. She continued to discuss various components with respect to the Career Technical Education (CTE), Federal Perkins funding, and dual enrolment.

Mr. Maldonado gave an update on the following events: the America’s College Promise kickoff, September 14, 2016; Center for American Progress Roundtable, September 28, 2016; and the America’s College Promise campaign to be scheduled sometime in November 2016 to highlight the Los Angeles Community College District’s commitment to its success. He noted that the information will be distributed as the details become available.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the ITT Technical Institute non-transferable credits and student loan forgiveness.

Mr. Maldonado indicated that he would research and contact the Department of Education and the White House for direction on these issues and provide the guidelines to the Committee and staff on the ITT transfer of credits and the student loan forgiveness.

McCallum Group, Inc.

A document entitled “LACCD – Legislative Affairs Committee: Legislative Update” was distributed.

Mr. Mark MacDonald, Legislative Advocate, gave a summary of the status of the following bills of interest: AB 1397 (Ting); AB 1690 (Medina) & SB 1379 (Mendoza); AB 2017 (McCarty); AB 2155 (Ridley-Thomas); AB 2288 (Burke); AB 2364 (Holden) & AB 526 (Holden); SB 66 (Leyva); and SB 1314 (Block). He deferred to Dr. Dale Shimasaki.

Strategic Education Services

A document entitled “Los Angeles Community College District, Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, September 7, 2016” was distributed.

Dr. Shimasaki, Chief Executive Officer, gave a summary of the status of the following bills of interest to enrollment: AB 1726 (Bonta); AB 1741 (Rodriguez); and SB 412 (Glazer). Bills of interest/died in suspense: AB 1721 (Medina); AB 1837 (Low); AB 1892 (Medina); AB 2222 (Holden); and AB 2492 (Hernandez).

With respect to AB 2222 (Holden), Trustee Eng inquired if the Cap and Trade agreement had funding for the transit pass program that would benefit the LACCD students and if not, could it be added during the special session on transportation.

Mr. MacDonald responded that there is no transit pass program in the agreement and that he would follow-up on Trustee Eng’s inquiry.

Mercury

Mr. Jorge Garrido, Vice President, indicated that Ms. Lindsey Skolnik, Director, was on the conference call as well. He indicated that they were charged with the responsibility to engage and identify school districts and cities that are in the LACCD serviced areas to secure a resolution in support of the Los Angeles College Promise and to secure donations for the LACCD Foundation. He discussed Mercury’s relationships with philanthropists that have potential to become big donors.

AB 2822 – Student Financial Aid—Community College Students: Emergency Financial Assistance

Mr. McDonald stated that the bill never made it to the Governor’s Office. The author decided to hold on to the bill after getting feedback from the administration and a letter from the Department of Finance opposing the bill. The concern of the administration is that the bill requires that the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office develop guidelines for districts to utilize foundation money or other funds to create emergency financial assistance for students. The consensus is that the CCC Office can implement this process if they decide to.

With respect to AB 1995 (Williams) Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities, Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez requested a status on the bill.

Mr. McDonald gave a summary of the status of AB 1995.

Discuss Fall 2016-17 Legislative Priorities Framework Planning

Chancellor Rodriguez recommended that Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. that the Committee meet with the LACCD state and federal Legislative Advocates to plan the 2016-17 Legislative Priorities Framework.

The Committee agreed with the date and time designated at the Educational Services Center (ESC).

Bill(s) for Discussion – Update

AB 288 Update: LACCD and LAUSD MOU

Chancellor Rodriguez discussed the development of CH3. College and Career Access Pathway Partnership Agreement Between Los Angeles Unified School District and the LACCD”, which is being presented for action at today’s Board meeting.

Trustee Enq stated that he was advised that SB 1050 provides both language learners/low income students and foster youth funding for counseling, early preparation, and staff development and other assistance for those continuing their education at the University of California System. He asked if staff could provide any projections about how many “dual enrollment” students who were subject to SB 1050, if any, would be studying on our campuses, and when they might be expected to enroll.

Dr. Miller indicated that he and Dr. Ryan M. Cornner, Vice Chancellor, Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness will research and follow-up with the LACCD college presidents and report their findings to the Committee.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Motion by Trustee Enq, seconded by Trustee Kamlager, to support CH3. College and Career Access Pathway Partnership Agreement Between Los Angeles Unified School District and the LACCD”.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

LACCD Bond Measure CC Update

Chancellor Rodriguez gave a status update on Measure CC.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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