

Los Angeles Community College District
Board Committee Minutes: Budget & Finance
September 26, 2018

Committee Members: Andra Hoffman, Chair
Ernest H. Moreno, Vice Chair
David Vela, Member
Scott J. Svonkin, Board Alternate
Robert B. Miller, Staff Liaison
Jeanette L. Gordon, Staff Liaison
Erika A. Endrijonas, College President Liaison
Seher Awan, College President Liaison Alternate

Public Speakers

Mr. Kirk Cartozian, Representative, Porto's Bakery, addressed the Committee regarding its proposal to ground lease or purchase 3-4 acres from Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC).

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION

Internal Audit Quarterly Update

A document entitled "Budget & Finance Committee, Internal Audit Department, 2018-19 Quarterly Report, Wednesday, 9 /26 /2018" was distributed.

Mr. Arnold Blanshard, Director, Internal Audit Department, discussed the document with respect to the bookstore audits conducted and their common findings.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Dr. Robert B. Miller, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Development, stated that these findings were taken very seriously on behalf of the bookstore managers and the college presidents. There were differences in understanding of the policy and the issues identified have been resolved; he noted that the findings were not material.

Trustee Hoffman expressed her concern that the internal audit report presented only lists the original findings and does not disclose the corrective actions taken by the colleges.

Mr. Blanchard responded that even though the colleges have indicated that the correction action plans were implemented, the Internal Audit has not had the opportunity to test these actions in order to validate them.

Dr. Miller indicated that he would consult with the General Counsel Office to review the existing policy on how these items should be reported to the Committee.

Ms. Iris Ingram, Vice President, Administrative Services, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), recommended that a different set of words be utilized in referencing the audit rating depending on the gravity of the findings.

AB19 Funding

A document entitled "Budget & Finance Committee, September 26, 2018" was distributed.

Dr. Ryan M. Cornner, Vice Chancellor of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness, discussed AB19 funding techniques provided by the California Community College system guidance that authorizes the flexibility as to the manner in which the funds can be expended and the requirements for program participation. He indicated that although flexibility is permitted, (LACCD) has proceeded to recommit to our LA College Promise Program. He concluded that the current cost estimates would leave approximately \$1.5 million remaining to provide additional support to students. Various recommendations have been made to help support students in terms of transportation, food vouchers, and text book vouchers. Details are being discussed and presented to the Chancellor and college presidents for review at the next President's Council.

Trustee Hoffman expressed her concern that the Cal Grant programs offer a much smaller amount to community college students than they do to students attending four-year universities. She recommended that this topic be discussed at one of the Board's committees in order to seek legislation to have Cal Grant funding be increased for our students.

A detailed question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

California Promise Grant Funding

Dr. Robert B. Miller, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Resource Development, gave an update on the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF).

Trustee Hoffman requested that a standing line item for updates on the SCFF be the Committee's agenda going forward.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to enrollment declining and the strategies to address the issue.

College and District Websites – Common Architecture and Platform

Mr. McMahon discussed that at the Cabinet meeting he communicated to the presidents that at the September 12, Board meeting some Board members expressed their concern that the colleges' websites redesign plans do not have a common platform.

Trustee Hoffman responded that no decision has been made.

Trustee Moreno indicated that he does not want to dictate to the colleges their website redesign preferences. He stated that it is important to ensure that all the LACCD websites have the capacity to function at the highest level of performance like any other community college or university websites.

Mr. McMahon indicated that the goal is to have all the college websites on a common platform. He is working with the web designers at all the colleges to come up with a single recommendation which will be presented to the Chancellor's Cabinet for vetting.

FUTURE DISCUSSION/AGENDA ITEMS

None

FUTURE BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING DATES

October 24, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.