

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2016
Public Session 6:00 pm
Los Angeles Pierce College-Great Hall, Building 1900

President Svonkin called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm; all trustees were present. Svonkin announced that during closed session the Board took no action that needed to be reported. The Board proceeded to approve the regular and closed meeting minutes of December 9, 2015, and January 13 and January 27 of 2016. President Kathleen Burke welcomed those in attendance and introduced members of the college leadership team and students.

Announcements from the College Presidents

- **City:** President Rene Martinez announced that the City's Nursing NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) scores had come in at 91%.
- **Mission:** President Monte Perez announced that Mission was one of six colleges in the country to be selected to be part of National Science Foundation's KickStarter program, which provides technical assistance to apply for funding from the agency.
- **Southwest:** President Linda Rose reported there had been a shooting incident at Southwest earlier in the day, but that no one had been injured. She commended the Sheriff's department for responding to the incident. She added that a briefing would take place tomorrow.
- **Valley:** President Erika Endrijonas announced that the Arbor Day Foundation had one again designated Los Angeles Valley College as a Tree Campus USA, making it the only community college in California with that distinction.
- **West:** Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Aracely Aguiar announced that the college's Bachelors program in Dental Hygiene had been approved by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) a couple of weeks ago.

Resource Table

AFT 1521 President Joanne Waddell announced that the Adult Education Consortium had reached an agreement on the allocation model last week. She thanked Chancellor Rodriguez, President Marvin Martinez and President Larry Frank for working to reach the agreement. She expressed confidence that the consortium would be able to agree on a fair shared governance model.

Public Agenda Requests

Principal of West Valley Occupational Center, Candace Lee, spoke of the positive work between her institution and Pierce College to serve students in the San Fernando Valley area, acknowledging President Burke and her staff. She stated her

staff had also met with Valley and Mission colleges to discuss course offerings, application processes, and how best to train students so they could obtain jobs. She extended an invitation to the trustees to visit her school.

Several faculty, staff, and students from Adult Education programs in the Los Angeles area addressed the Board about the Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC). Speakers included Richard Fischetto (Adult Ed program graduate), Mathew Kogan (Director of Adult Education for UTLA-United Teacher's Los Angeles), Laura Chardier (former school board member), Pauline Schwab (Teacher and Vice President of UTLA), and several West Valley Occupational Center students (Dami Olivera, Jinga Willis, Stan Wilson, Kelly Williams, and Corinne Smith). Most of the speakers spoke about the importance of Adult Education programs and urged the Board members to cooperate with its consortium partners (Los Angeles, Montebello, Burbank, and Culver City United School Districts) so they could serve the needs of students and their communities.

Linda Vasquez from the Campaign for College Opportunity described a \$60 Million state-funded grant to improve basic skills and remediation programs at community colleges. Each college is eligible for up to \$1.5 Million over a three-year period. She announced several workshops would be held in Costa Mesa (\$50 registration) to help colleges identify promising practices to include in their applications.

Reports and Recommendations from the Board

The Board then proceeded to approve several resolutions, including one honoring classified retirees (BT1), celebrating Women's History Month (BT2), and supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) Program (BT3). An item for Board Travel Authorizations (BT5) to authorize expenses (approximately \$1,875 per person) for four of the trustees (Eng, Fong, Hoffman, and Svonkin) to meet with legislators on March 16-17, 2016 in Washington, DC was also approved.

Reports from the Chancellor

Chancellor Rodriguez welcomed faculty, staff, and students back from the Winter Break. He thanked Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Albert Roman, the HR team and 60 faculty and staff for participating in the Community College Registry's Job Fair in January; over 1000 people attended the event, which was held at the LAX Hilton. He also reported on a successful two-day visit to the state capitol in Sacramento by a team of LACCD representatives. The team which included several trustees and college presidents, visited with 15-16 legislators on Monday and focused on student success, equity, affordability, and access. As a result of that visit, the Governor's office visited West and the Dental Hygiene program today. The Chancellor stated he was looking forward to visiting the Student Advisory Committee meeting in a couple of weeks.

The Chancellor expressed his pleasure at the agreement to release Adult Ed money to colleges and schools to serve students. He reported that the District was going full force to implement AB 288 College and Career Access Pathways Act (Holden's

Assembly Bill on Dual and Concurrent Enrollment). Several college presidents and District administrators are meeting with local school districts to discuss the courses that would be offered. Accreditation is less than four weeks away; the weeklong visit to all nine campuses and the Educational Services Center (ESC) will start on Monday, March 6th. He acknowledged the hard work of the colleges and ESC staff to prepare for the visit. The Chancellor announced there would be a signing ceremony on February 17th for a Memorandum of Understanding between the LACCD and the Mexican General Consulate to serve their mutual constituents. He asked that the Board close the meeting in memory of Doris Webster, a nursing faculty member at Harbor who passed away after a short illness. Ms. Webster educated and touched the lives of thousands of nurses. Chancellor Rodriguez also asked those present to keep recently retired Vice President Luis Rosas, who is recovering from an illness, in their thoughts and prayers.

Consent Calendar

The Board proceeded to discuss items on the consent calendar. The approval of two new job classifications in *Personnel Commission Actions* (PC1) was postponed to allow the Chancellor the opportunity to review them (*Associate General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel positions*). Trustees Hoffman and Kamlager asked several questions about the selection process for an agreement (up to \$133,350) with Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates to conduct public opinion survey research and marketing analysis for ballot measure support for facilities and infrastructure modernization (BSD2 Item IB). Chancellor Rodriguez replied that this firm had done 80-90% of community college polls in California and had done excellent work for the District in the past. Svonkin added that the firm had done the polling work for all the previous LACCD bonds. Hoffman stressed the importance of listening to the voices of faculty and staff on the issue of a pursuing a new facilities bond.

Trustee Moreno had questions about the adoption of plans and specifications for two construction projects at West (FPD1, item III: Performing Arts Amphitheater and Physical Education & Dance), stating he did not understand what was being adopted. LACCD Director of Facilities Planning and Development Tom Hall explained that a few years ago the Board had decided that projects under \$5 million in value did not require review of the Facilities Master Planning and Oversight Committee; however, items between \$175,000 and \$5 Million are still approved by the full Board. Pearlman asked about several items in BSD1 and BSD2 related to food services and stated that the Board had not yet received a report on the status of food services at each of the colleges. Deputy Chancellor Barrera replied that the District commissioned an assessment of the food service facilities a couple of years ago, but had not done an assessment of student and employees needs until recently. Barrera added that now that student and staff surveys had been completed, there would be a meeting with the Vice Presidents of Administrative Affairs on February 19th to develop a scope of work for a Request for Proposals (RFP). She added that she hoped to be able to develop a food service contract that could be customized for each college. Pearlman requested that the contract for the facilities ballot measure

study (BSD2 Item IB) be considered separately. After the discussion, the consent calendar items were approved.

Recommendations from the Chancellor

The Board then approved item FPD3 (*Adopt Resolution of Intent to Convey Easement to the City of Los Angeles at Los Angeles Trade Technical College*) for the purposes of providing an access ramp and public sidewalk at the corner of Grand Avenue and 23rd Street at Trade Tech College.

Notice Reports and Informatives

An item to *Amend Board Rules, Chapter XV-Prohibited Discrimination, Unlawful Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct* was noticed (CH/A). Trustee Hoffman stated she wanted to discuss changing the Board committee meeting times because under the current schedule, Board members could not sit in on other committee meetings. She stated she felt trustees were not getting all of the information they needed and the committees were no longer reporting out to the full Board. Svonkin replied the Chancellor could add this item to the agenda of the next full Board meeting. Hoffman also mentioned that a member of the public (former Trustee Mona Field) had an agenda item pulled at the last Board meeting and the trustees had not received a legal opinion as to why. General Counsel Kevin Jeter replied that the legal opinion supports that the placement of items on the agenda is discretionary. Chancellor Rodriguez announced that Thomas Donovan was selected as the new AECOMM Director. Hoffman asked questions about how the Personnel Commission ensured diversity and made sure the best candidates are selected. Svonkin replied they could not address this issue tonight, but could follow up at a future Board meeting.

Kamlager asked for an update on the next LARAEC meeting, stating it was important for transparency. She also asked for an update on the contract for the District's state lobbyist, adding that trustees and others could not be expected to lobby consistently. Svonkin thanked Chancellor Rodriguez and the staff that organized the LACCD team's recent trip to Sacramento. He mentioned that former Trustee and Assemblyman Miguel Santiago welcomed them on the floor of the state capitol. Svonkin added that they had access to many members of the legislature and an opportunity to advocate on behalf of the District. Trustee Hoffman thanked Presidents Burke, Martinez, and Perez for joining the team in Sacramento.

Trustee Moreno stated he was deeply moved by the presentations of the West Valley Occupational Center students, adding that he wanted to make sure the Board did everything in its power to not hold up monies for the students. Student Trustee Milo Anderson announced that Chancellor Rodriguez would be attending the Student Affairs Committee meeting on 2/19/16.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm

Board Report respectfully submitted by DAS 1st Vice President Angela Echeverri