

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Board Room – First Floor
Los Angeles, California 90017
Friday, September 25, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Committee: Rodney D. Robinson, Student Trustee; John Clerx, ESC; Gene Fernandez, LACC; Rihao Gao, ELAC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Teresa Martinez, LAMC; Ebonea McAlister, WLAC; Tina Park, Appointed Board Representative; Esteban Robledo, LAHC; Valorie Smith, LASC

Participants: David Beaulieu, District Academic Senate; Yasiri Bustamante, LAMC; Melina Garrido, LAMC; Camille Goulet, ESC; Mark Henderson, Pierce College; Lance Lopez, WLAC; Jeremy Manning, WLAC; Kari Thumlert; Camelia Williams, LATTC

Student Trustee Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

At roll call, the following colleges were present: LACC, LAHC, LAMC, LASC, and WLAC.

Absent: ELAC (arrived at 9:40 a.m.), Pierce College, LATTC, and LAVC

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Mr. Mark Henderson distributed a document entitled "AAOI (African American Outreach Initiative) Committee." He invited the students to an AAOI event on February 26, 2010, which will culminate the LACCD Black History Month celebrations.

Ms. Camelia Williams expressed her concern regarding an art project that was assigned for homework at LATTC, which the African American students in the class felt was racially inappropriate and offensive. She distributed a copy of the assignment.

(Ms. Rihao Gao, ELAC, arrived at 9:40 a.m.)

Ms. Kari Thumlert addressed the Committee regarding the role of the ASO Advisors.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

The following individuals reported on issues, activities, and events at their respective campuses:

Ms. Teresa Martinez, LAMC; Mr. Esteban Robledo, LAHC; Ms. Rihao Gao, ELAC; Mr. Gene Fernandez, ASO Vice President, Clubs, LACC; Ms. Ebonea McAlister, WLAC; and Ms. Valorie Smith, LASC.

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Student Trustee Robinson entertained a motion to take out of order Roman Numeral VIII. Consultation Items, Item A. Board Rule 7902. Confidential Complaint Process.

Motion by Mr. Fernandez, seconded by Ms. McAlister, to take Roman Numeral VIII. Item A. out of order.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

CONSULTATION ITEMS

Addendum – Board Rule 7902. Confidential Complaint Process

A draft document entitled “7902. Confidential Complaint Process” was distributed.

Ms. Camille Goulet discussed the document with respect to protection for whistleblowers and the procedure for submitting and investigating complaints.

There was discussion regarding the types of complaints that would be covered under this Board Rule.

This item will be placed on the agenda of the Committee meeting of October 30, 2009 for further consultation.

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STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES REGION VII REPORT

No report.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There was discussion regarding the impact of the budget cuts on the ASO financial operations.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

The consultation item was taken out of order and consulted earlier in today’s meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Student Appointments to Outside Committees

LACCD Sheriff’s Task Force

Mr. John Clerx indicated that the LACCD Sheriff’s Task Force meets on an as-needed basis and does not currently have a meeting scheduled.

No action was taken.

Whether or not to have a Districtwide Talent Show Fundraiser

Student Trustee Robinson indicated that he has decided not to have this fundraiser. He recommended that the ASO Presidents think of alternative methods to raise funds for the students.

Motion by Ms. Gao, seconded by Ms. Martinez, to have a Districtwide talent show.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Ms. Gao indicated that she and her ASO would like to have a Districtwide talent show, but it should not be a fundraiser.

Mr. Clerx recommended that the action to have a Districtwide talent show be postponed until the Committee meeting of October 30, 2009.

Motion by Ms. Gao, seconded by Ms. Martinez, to postpone this action until the Committee meeting of October 30, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Robledo, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, to close discussion.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Postpone action to have a Districtwide talent show

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Gao, to create a Districtwide Talent Show Task Force.

Student Trustee Robinson indicated that he would chair the Task Force.

*APPROVED: 5 Ayes (ELAC, LACC, LAMC, LASC, WLAC)
1 Abstention (LAHC)*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Regulation E-20 – Class-Related Student Travel

A copy of this document was provided.

Mr. Clerx discussed the document with respect to the total per diem meal allowance of \$20.50 for students and faculty advisors at events covered by Board Rule 9705. Travel and Travel Expenses Authorization – Students; Travel Expenses Authorization – Faculty.

Motion by Ms. McAlister, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, to raise the per diem allowance for meals to \$35 and to eliminate the specific amounts for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack, and post-game costs.

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of a \$35 per diem allowance for meals.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Addendum – ASO Advisors' Responsibilities

Mr. Clerx indicated that there is no job description for ASO Advisors.

There was discussion regarding the ASO Presidents' expectations of what the role and responsibilities of an ASO Advisor should be.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

Mr. David Beaulieu discussed the budget reductions to categorical programs. He announced that the District Academic Senate Summit is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009. He also discussed the efforts to increase transfer rates to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report

Student Trustee Robinson reported that a press conference was held at LATTC on August 31, 2009 at which The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California, announced the "Green Training Initiative." The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor of Los Angeles, also attended the press conference.

Resource Table Student Representative – October 7 (ESC) and October 21 (Pierce College)

Ms. Shani Simms, ASO President, Pierce College, will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of October 7, 2009 and October 21, 2009.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Robledo requested that Administrative Regulation E-22 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices be placed on the agenda of the Committee meeting of October 30, 2009 for consultation.

Student Trustee Robinson indicated that this would be done.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is October 16, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.