

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – 1st Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017
Friday, September 28, 2007
9 a.m. to 12 p. m.

Committee: Eva Jackson, Chair; Rose Bustos, ELAC; Mari Kiridjian, LAVC; Gwen Maris, LASC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Arsen Mkrтчyan, LACC; Tessa Moss, Pierce College; Pornthep Sripuntanagoon, LAMC; Carlos Ramirez, LAHC; Joe Ramirez, LAMC; Angela Reddock, Appointed Board Representative; Edwin Simpson, LATTC

Participants: Robert Isomoto, ELAC; Diego Janacua, LACC; Eric Kim, ESC; Kenadi Le, Dolores Huerta Labor Institute/LATTC; Priscilla Maturino, ELAC; John McDowell, LATTC; Alberto Ramirez, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy; Tara Stafford, CALPIRG; Tony Scott, LACC; Danny Valenzuela, ELAC; Jack Waites, WLAC

Student Trustee Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

A quorum was present.

At roll call, the following colleges were present: LACC, ELAC, LAMC, Pierce College, LASC, and LAVC.

Absent: LAHC (arrived at 9:30 a.m.) and LATTC (arrived at 9:38 a.m.).

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

None.

ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Jack Waites expressed his concern regarding the need for student representation on hiring committees.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

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Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to take out of order Roman Numeral VII. Discussion Items, Item D. Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act (California Community College Initiative).

Motion by Ms. Tessa Moss, seconded by Mr. Arsen Mkrтчyan, to take Roman Numeral VII. Item D. out of order.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act (California Community College Initiative)

Mr. John McDowell distributed copies of a document entitled "The California Community College Initiative (CCI)." He discussed the provisions of the CCI, which include placing a cap on enrollment fees and guaranteeing that fees can increase only with the cost of living.

(Mr. Carlos Ramirez, LAHC, arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Mr. McDowell indicated that the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild is holding a meeting regarding the Initiative on Friday, October 26, 2007 at the AFT Office. He invited Student Trustee Jackson and the Associated Student Presidents to attend.

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that this is the date of the next Student Affairs Committee meeting. She stated that she would send some student representatives to this meeting.

There was discussion regarding the projected 2009-10 revenue under current law versus the projected 2009-10 revenue under the CCI for each community college district in California.

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(Mr. Edwin Simpson, LATTTC, arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Nonresident Tuition Exemption Policies

Copies of Com. No. CH/A. Notice Report – Adopt Revised Nonresident Tuition Exemption Policies were distributed.

Mr. Eric Kim indicated that the purpose of these revisions, which would be to Board Rules 8100.03 and 8100.10, is to ensure that all nonresident students will be exempt from the nonresident tuition fee if they are taking six or fewer units.

There was discussion regarding the impact that the revised nonresident tuition exemption policies would have on District revenue and enrollment.

Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to table action on the revised nonresident tuition exemption policies.

Motion by Mr. Edwin Simpson, seconded by Ms. Tessa Moss, to table action on this item.

The vote was as follows:

4 Ayes (Ms. Bustos, Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Sripuntanagoon, and Ms. Kiridjian)

4 Noes (Mr. Mkrtchyan, Ms. Moss, Ms. Maris, and Mr. Simpson)

In order to break the tie, Student Trustee Jackson voted in favor of tabling action on this item.

Tabled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Status of Proposition A and AA Bond Programs

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that this item would be postponed until the next Committee meeting so that Mr. Larry Eisenberg could make a presentation.

Postponed until the next Committee meeting.

Create Task Force for Catering Trucks

There was discussion regarding catering trucks and other food services on the campuses with respect to the revenue they generate for scholarships and student-related activities.

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that a Task Force for catering trucks would be set up at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Arsen Mkrтчhyan inquired as to the District policy regarding catering trucks on the campuses.

Trustee Reddock responded that she does not believe there is a Districtwide policy with respect to catering trucks on campus; rather, it is up to the individual college whether or not to have a catering truck on campus.

CALPIRG

Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to allocate ten minutes for the CALPIRG presentation and discussion.

Motion by Ms. Gwen Maris, seconded by Mr. Arsen Mkrтчhyan, to allocate ten minutes.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Mr. Diego Janacua distributed copies of a document that lists CALPIRG's top priorities including the New Voters Project, affordable textbooks, and increasing activism on campus. He presented an update regarding the efforts of CALPIRG to address these priorities.

There was discussion regarding CALPIRG fees with respect to whether or not they would be mandatory.

Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to allocate an additional ten minutes for discussion.

Motion by Mr. Carlos Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Mkrтчhyan, to allocate an additional ten minutes for discussion.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Discussion continued regarding the CALPIRG fees issue.

Student Trustee Jackson requested that the Associated Student Presidents prepare in writing their pros and cons regarding CALPIRG in order to have further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Mkrтчhyan, to allocate one minute for each Associated Student Organization President to verbally present their pros and cons regarding CALPIRG.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

The following individuals presented their opinions regarding CALPIRG:

Mr. Edwin Simpson, LATTС; Mr. Pornthep Sripuntanagoon, LAMC; Mr. Arsen Mkrтчhyan, LACC; Ms. Rose Bustos, ELAC; Ms. Tessa Moss, Pierce College; Mr. Carlos Ramirez, LAHC; Ms. Mari Kiridjian, LAVC; and Mr. Jack Waites, WLAC.

Ms. Gwen Maris, LASC, indicated that she is still researching CALPIRG and has no comment at this time.

There was discussion regarding the CALPIRG New Voters Project.

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that she would place an item for discussion and action on the next Committee meeting agenda regarding the Voter Registration Partnership with CALPIRG. She stated that she will place an action item regarding the establishment of CALPIRG chapters on the campuses on the agenda of the November 16, 2007 SAC meeting.

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Motion by Mr. Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Kiridjian, to go back to Public Agenda Speakers.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS (continued)

Mr. Alberto Ramirez addressed the Committee regarding the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan with respect to the effort to reduce the health risks posed by air pollution from diesel trucks at the cargo terminals.

Trustee Reddock indicated that the District has hired a consultant who is conducting an overall evaluation of the District and each of the campuses in an effort to make them all "green" campuses. She stated that she attended an event at Los Angeles City Hall this morning at which "City Year Los Angeles" was launched. This is a national program that encourages individuals aged 17 to 24 from diverse backgrounds to become involved in community service projects. She indicated that she will request District staff to look into the possibility of creating a similar program for District students. The website for this program is www.cityyear.org.

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ACTION ITEMS

Board Meeting Student Representative at the Resource Table – September 19, 2007

Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to withdraw this item.

Motion by Mr. Mkrtyan, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to withdraw this item.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Withdrawn.

Student Appointment to District Citizens' Oversight Committee

Student Trustee Jackson entertained a motion to withdraw this item pending the final outcome of the special ASO election at WLAC.

Motion by Mr. Mkrtyan, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to withdraw this item.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

Withdrawn.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Affairs Committee Chair's Monthly Report – August

Student Trustee Jackson reported that Chancellor Drummond has agreed to let her start a scholarship fund with which student leaders would award scholarships to other students. She requested input from the Associated Student Presidents as to a name for the scholarship. She announced that the date of the LACCD ASO Leadership Institute has been changed from October 12 to November 2, 2007.

Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports

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

Mr. Edwin Simpson, LATTC; Mr. Pornthep Sripuntanagoon, LAMC; Mr. Arsen Mkrtyan, LACC; Ms. Rose Bustos, ELAC; Ms. Tessa Moss, Pierce College; Ms. Gwen Maris, LASC; Mr. Carlos Ramirez, LAHC; Ms. Mari Kiridjian, LAVC; and Mr. Jack Waites, WLAC.

Resource Table Student Representative – October 3 (ESC) and October 17 (ESC)

Mr. Carlos Ramirez, ASO President, LAHC, will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of October 3, 2007 and October 17, 2007.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Academic Senate – Rose Bustos

No report.

Districtwide Budget Committee (DBC) – Gwen Maris

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that she attended the DBC meeting on September 12, 2007 in place of Ms. Maris. At this meeting, there was discussion regarding the proposed budget calendar for 2008-09, the state budget adoption, and the status of summer enrollment.

District Curriculum Committee – Arsen Mkrtchyan

No meetings are held during the summer.

District Citizens' Oversight Committee – Vacant

No meeting was held; therefore, no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bustos requested that at the next Committee meeting, the Associated Student Presidents bring a copy of their operating budget along with the number of paid ASO/ASU members for the spring and fall of 2006.

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Ms. Moss indicated that the Pierce College ASO is attempting to implement "dead time," which would be one hour when there are no classes in session. This could be from 12 to 1 p.m. She is going to present this idea to the faculty and administration at Pierce College. She recommended that the other Associated Student Presidents discuss this idea with their students.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next Student Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2007 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mkrtchyan, seconded by Mr. Simpson, to adjourn.

APPROVED: 8 Ayes

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.