

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING  
Educational Services Center  
770 Wilshire Boulevard  
Board Room – First Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
Friday, May 8, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Committee: Rose Bustos, Student Trustee; James Butler-Zetino, LACC; John Clerx, ESC; Rebecca Estrada, ELAC; Blanca Garcia, LAMC; M. Sonia Lopez, ELAC; Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College; Ebonea McAlister, WLAC; Allison Reid, LATTC

Participants: David Follosco, Pierce College; Paul Grubb, LAMC; Nehasi Lee, Compton Community Educational Center; Anthony Ortiz-Luis, Alliance for a Better Community; Rachael Richards, LAHC; Kari Thumlert; Linda Tong, LACC

Student Trustee Bustos called the special meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

At roll call, the following colleges were present: ELAC, LACC, LAMC, LATTC, and WLAC.

Absent: LAHC, Pierce College (arrived at 9:52 a.m.), LASC, and LAVC

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

Mr. Paul Grubb addressed the Committee regarding a McNair Scholars Post-Baccalaureate Program workshop, which will be held on May 26, 2009 at Los Angeles Mission College. He indicated that this is a government-funded program that helps underprivileged students enter Ph.D. programs. He distributed copies of a flyer regarding the workshop.

Mr. Nehasi Lee addressed the Committee regarding Board Rule 91101. Student Discipline Procedures as it relates to suspending student leaders.

Ms. Rachael Richards announced that three students from the LACCD have been selected to Senator At-Large positions in the Student Senate for California Community Colleges for 2009-2010.

Ms. Linda Tong announced that she is one of the LACCD students who were elected to an SSCCC Senator At-Large position.

Ms. Kari Thumlert addressed the Committee regarding Administrative Regulation E-86 Student Representation Fee/Fund Account and Board Rule 91203. Visitors who Disrupt.

Student Trustee Bustos entertained a motion to move the Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports to the end of the agenda.

Motion by Ms. Estrada, seconded by Ms. Gnehm, to move the Associated Student Body Presidents' Reports to the end of the agenda.

*APPROVED:* 5 Ayes

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ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None.

## CONSULTATION ITEMS

### Administrative Regulation E-XX Student Discipline Records and Transcript Notations

Draft copies of Administrative Regulation E-XX-12-5-2006 were distributed.

Mr. John Clerx indicated that this Administrative Regulation was developed in order to create a policy for maintaining student discipline records. He indicated that only permanent expulsions are reflected on student transcripts. He indicated that student discipline records that result in suspension or expulsion are kept permanently because they are public documents.

Student Trustee Bustos inquired as to how the students' confidentiality is protected.

Mr. Clerx indicated that he would check with the General Counsel and provide a response. He indicated that this item would be brought back for further consultation at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

(Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, Pierce College, arrived at 9:52 a.m.)

### Board Rule 8100. Admission to a Community College

Copies of Board Rule 8100. were distributed.

Mr. Clerx explained the Board Rule as it relates to the provisions for admitting foreign students to a community college.

Student Trustee Bustos inquired as to provisions for admitting young students (such as the 10-year old student who ran for ASU President at East Los Angeles College) to a community college.

Mr. Clerx responded that several factors need to be considered including the courses they want to take, safety issues, etc. when making a decision whether or not to admit young students.

Student Trustee Bustos requested that an item entitled "Special Admins in ASO Office" be placed on the SAC agenda of May 22, 2009 for discussion.

### Board Rule 8502. Student Health

Copies of Board Rule 8502. were distributed.

Mr. Clerx explained the revision to this Board Rule with respect to students who are exempt from paying the health services fee not being eligible to receive health services unless they opt to pay the fee.

### Board Rule 9803.28 Academic Dishonesty

Copies of Board Rule 9803.28 were distributed.

Mr. Clerx discussed this Board Rule as it relates to actions that are violations of academic integrity. These violations include cheating on an exam, plagiarism, and submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor.

Student Trustee Bustos expressed her concern that submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor should not be a violation of academic integrity.

Mr. James Butler-Zetino concurred with Student Trustee Bustos' concern.

Mr. Clerx inquired if Mr. Butler-Zetino is recommending that this clause be stricken.

Mr. Butler-Zetino responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Clerx indicated that this Board Rule would be brought back for further consultation at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

Board Rule 91101.15 College President's Decision

Copies of the revisions to Board Rule 91101.15 were distributed.

Mr. Clerx indicated that this Board Rule is being revised to eliminate the need for the Chancellor or designee to inform the Board of Trustees of a College President's decision to suspend a student for more than 10 days.

Ms. M. Sonia Lopez inquired as to whether the Board of Trustees wants to be kept informed regarding the number of student suspensions.

Mr. Clerx responded that he has not had any questions from the Board of Trustees regarding suspensions.

Motion by Mr. Christian Marfil-Amatulli, seconded by Ms. Ebonea McAlister, to recommend that Board Rule 91101.15 not be revised as follows:

91101.15 College President's Decision

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- b. If the decision is to suspend a student for more than ten (10) days, the College President's decision shall be final. The President shall notify the Chancellor or designee, ~~who in turn will inform the Board of Trustees of that decision~~ (ED 76031). ...

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Mr. Marfil-Amatulli restated his motion as follows:

That the Student Affairs Committee does not recommend removal of the Board of Trustees from notification of student suspensions.

Ms. McAlister seconded the motion.

*APPROVED: 6 Ayes*

Board Rule 91103. Student Discipline Forms

Copies of Board Rule 91103. were distributed.

Mr. Clerx indicated that the purpose of this Board Rule is to allow the Chancellor to modify the Student Discipline Forms without approval by the Board of Trustees.

Student Trustee Bustos expressed her concern that the Committee does not want to agree to give up a step that could be protective for the students. She indicated that this item would be brought back for further consultation at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

Administrative Regulation E-86 Student Representation Fee/Fund Account

Copies of Administrative Regulation E-86 were distributed.

Mr. Clerx discussed the revisions to this document as they relate to the process for disbursing money generated from the student representation fee upon the order of the Student Association's governing board. He indicated that the Student Association's governing board is defined by the ASO Constitution.

Based upon the discussion, the following amendments were offered:

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## REGULATIONS

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3. The money generated from the Student Representation Fee will be disbursed upon the order of the student association's governing board, as defined by the ASO Constitution and Bylaws, except in the following circumstances:

- a) If the student association's governing board cannot convene a regular or special meeting under the Brown Act to vote on the disbursement of the fee prior to a particular activity or event, the College President, in concurrence with the ASO President, may authorize the disbursement of money from the fund described in Section 6, below. At the next available meeting of the student association's governing board, the expenditure must be placed on the agenda as an item for ratification. If the student association's governing board does not ratify the expenditure of the fee, the college must reimburse the fund.

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## TERMINATION OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATION FEE

The Student Representation Fee may be terminated by a majority vote of the students voting in an election held for that purpose. The election will be open to all regularly enrolled students of the college, and may be called in one of the following two manners:

1. By placing the issue on the ballot for the next regular associated student body election. The issue shall be placed on the ballot upon receipt of a petition indicating an interest in the termination of the representation fee signed by a majority of the number of students who voted in the election establishing the fee, provided that the petition is received at least ten (10) days prior to the upcoming associated student body election.
2. ....

Ms. Lopez recommended that language be included in Administrative Regulation E-86 explaining what is done with the balance of the student representation fee money at the end of each academic year.

Mr. Clerx indicated that he would work with Mr. Eric Kim, Assistant General Counsel, to develop this language. He indicated that this item would be brought back with all of the aforementioned amendments for further consultation at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Student Discipline Procedures

Copies of Board Rule 21001.12 Disqualification from Office and Administrative Regulation E-22 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices were distributed.

Mr. Clerx discussed Board Rule 21101.12 as it relates to the Student Trustee's disqualification from office and Administrative Regulation E-22 as it relates to forfeiture of Associated Student Organization positions as a result of violating the District Code of Conduct.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of providing extra protection for ASO officers who are involved in disciplinary actions.

Mr. Clerx indicated that he would discuss this issue with the Vice Presidents of Student Services and that this item would be brought back for further discussion at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

## ASO Employee Policy

Mr. Clerx indicated that until approximately 30 years ago, the college bookstores were owned by the ASOs and the bookstore employees were ASO employees. At that time, the District bought the bookstores from the ASOs. Approximately two years ago, the General Counsel made a determination that the ASO is not a separate employer and cannot have a separate tax ID number or separate legal status. He stated that the ASO Employee Policy is being changed to state that ASO funds may be allocated for the purpose of hiring student workers to assist the ASO.

Student Trustee Bustos inquired as to when this change will go into effect.

Mr. Clerx responded that the change will go into effect at the end of the Spring 2009 semester.

There was discussion regarding the ASO President having the responsibility of supervising the student workers.

Mr. Clerx indicated that this item would be brought back for further discussion at the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

## ACTION ITEMS

None.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

None.

## REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

### Resource Table Student Representative – May 13 (ELAC) and May 27 (LAHC)

Ms. Rebecca Estrada will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of May 13, 2009 and Mr. Kenneth Gulley will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of May 27, 2009.

## SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

## ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

The reports were postponed until the SAC meeting of May 22, 2009.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. The deadline for submitting agenda items is May 8, 2009.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.