

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

Committee: Sylvia Scott-Hayes, Chair; Kelly G. Candaele, Alternate. Absent: Miguel Santiago (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

Participants: Adriana D. Barrera, ESC; David Beaulieu, DAS; John Clerx, ESC; Larry Eisenberg, ESC; Camille Goulet, ESC; Patrick McCallum, McCallum Group (via conference phone); Mark McDonald, McCallum Group; Leila Menzies, Management Association; Jamillah Moore, LACC; Ernest Moreno, ELAC; Greg Osweiler, Pierce College; Lynn Winter Gross, Build—LACCD

Trustee Scott-Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Ms. Leila Menzies distributed copies of a document entitled “Adopt Positions Regarding Pending Legislation.” She indicated that the Management Association has concerns regarding SB 388 (Calderon) because the proposed legislation continues to place a limit on mark-ups of books without regard to the operational costs associated with college bookstores.

Mr. Greg Osweiler indicated that the LACCD Bookstore Managers are opposed to SB 388 in its current form, which has been amended from the bill that was originally passed in the Senate. The proposed amendments would reverse the intent of the bill and would result in a negative impact upon the students.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Copies of a document entitled “Los Angeles Community College District Legislative Report” were distributed.

Senate Bill 388 (Calderon)

Mr. McCallum concurred with Mr. Osweiler’s concerns. He recommended that the Legislative Committee accept his recommendation, which is to support SB 388 with a clarification of the 20 percent cap on textbook mark-ups. He indicated that before the bill is supported, there would need to be clarification that once the price is quoted to the faculty member, the price would remain the same upon ordering. The bill would also require the publishing entity to sell any bundled materials separately.

Ms. Camille Goulet indicated that the recommendation is to oppose to the extent that the bill limits a college bookstore’s ability to provide for adequate mark-up to cover costs; the recommendation is to support the bill if amended to also provide for a time period from when the price of a textbook is quoted to when a campus bookstore orders the materials that the publishing entity cannot increase the cost of the textbook.

Assembly Bill 656 (Torrico)

Mr. McCallum indicated that this bill would impose a 9.9 percent oil and gas severance tax and dedicate the money—approximately \$900 million per year—to higher education. The allocation would be 60 percent to the California State University system, 30 percent to the University of California system, and 10 percent to the California Community Colleges system. He is recommending support of this bill only if it is amended to provide proportional resources to the community colleges.

Senate Bill 600 (Padilla)

Mr. McCallum indicated that this bill would provide for an additional \$1.50 per pack tax increase on cigarettes and other related tobacco products. This tax increase would add approximately 85 percent to the general fund. He recommended support of this bill.

Ms. Goulet requested that the Committee vote to make a recommendation on the legislative items as revised and direct staff to prepare a revision to the proposed agenda item in accordance with this recommendation.

(Trustee Santiago arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

With respect to AB 656 (Torrico), Trustee Scott-Hayes inquired as to whether it would be beneficial to have some base of what the District considers proportional as it relates to the allocation to be provided to the community colleges.

Mr. McCallum responded that if the allocation is based on the number of students, the community colleges would receive approximately 60 percent. If it is based on FTES, the community colleges would receive approximately 48 percent. He indicated that the FTES basis is more likely to be supported by the California State Assembly.

Trustee Scott-Hayes recommended that AB 656 be revised to base the community college allocation on FTES.

Trustee Candaele concurred with this recommendation.

Trustee Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to accept the bills and recommend the positions as revised to the full Board.

Motion by Trustee Candaele, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to accept the bills and recommend the positions as revised to the full Board.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCallum gave a brief presentation regarding the status of the state budget. He indicated that it is anticipated that there will be a state budget by Sunday, July 19, 2009. The reductions to the District will not be greater than the \$51 million that the District is now facing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Candaele, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.