

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Educational Services Center  
Board Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
770 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
Friday, November 18, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Committee: Amber I. Barrero, Chair; Norvan Berkezyan, LAVC; Daniel Campos, LAMC; Arlene Castillo, LATTTC; Luis Dorado, LATTTC; Richard Hernandez, LAHC; Bobbi Kimble, ESC; Jaden Ledkins, LACC; Luciano Morales, LASC; Febe Ruiz, Pierce College; Mister Searcy, WLAC; Shawn Trabanino, ELAC

Student Trustee Barrero called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

A quorum was present.

The following colleges were present: LACC, LAHC, LAMC, LAVC, and WLAC

Absent: ELAC (arrived at 9:15 a.m.), Pierce College (arrived at 9:15 a.m.), LASC (arrived at 9:21 a.m.), and LATTTC (arrived at 9:37 a.m.)

PUBLIC AGENDA SPEAKERS

None.

(Mr. Shawn Trabanino, ELAC, and Ms. Febe Ruiz, Pierce College, arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

REVIEW BOARD AGENDAS (Standing Item)

Student Trustee Barrero discussed the Board meeting of November 16, 2011.

(Mr. Luciano Morales, LASC, arrived at 9:21 a.m.)

Student Trustee Barrero indicated that due to family-related matters, she would not be able to chair the SAC meeting of December 9, 2011. She asked for a volunteer to serve as the Chair for this meeting.

Mr. Campos and Mr. Ledkins volunteered to serve as the Chair for the SAC meeting of December 9, 2011

Mr. Campos withdrew his name from consideration.

By consensus, Mr. Ledkins was selected to serve as the Chair for the SAC meeting of December 9, 2011.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

(Ms. Arlene Castillo, LATTTC, arrived at 9:37 a.m.)

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

Mr. Richard Hernandez, LAHC; Mr. Luciano Morales, LASC; Mr. Daniel Campos, LAMC; Mr. Norvan Berkezyan, LAVC; Mr. Jaden Ledkins, LACC; Mr. Mister Searcy, WLAC; Ms. Febe Ruiz, Pierce College; Mr. Shawn Trabanino, ELAC.; and Ms. Arlene Castillo, LATTTC.

Mr. Morales, Mr. Campos, and Mr. Searcy distributed their reports.

## STUDENT TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Student Trustee Barrero presented her monthly report. She distributed a document entitled "Student Information Systems (SIS) Modernization Project Summary" and requested that the ASO/ASU Presidents review the document and provide their input.

The ASO/ASU Presidents provided suggestions for designing the new SIS so that it will optimize access to student information for faculty, staff, and students.

Mr. Searcy recommended that the SAC review this document now and place a discussion item on the SAC agenda of December 9, 2011 for the purpose of further discussing the SIS Modernization Project.

Ms. Kimble recommended that prior to the next SAC meeting Student Trustee Barrero obtain from Mr. Jorge Mata further details regarding the purpose and anticipated results of the SIS Modernization Project.

There was consensus to place the SIS Modernization Project under Discussion Items on the SAC agenda of December 9, 2011 for the purpose of discussing the details including the costs.

## LIAISON REPORTS

### District Office Report

Ms Bobbi Kimble distributed a document entitled "Proposed Revisions to Board Rule 8603." She discussed the document with respect to the proposed revisions to Board Rule 8603. Limitations on Enrollment. She indicated that this item would be placed on the SAC agenda of December 9, 2011 as a consultation item.

Ms. Kimble reported regarding the state budget reductions and the impact on the students. She also reported regarding the possibility of obtaining CAL-Cards for the ASO/ASU Advisors.

### ASO/ASU Advisors Report

Mr. Luis Dorado informed the ASO/ASU Presidents that their main goal as students is to focus on their studies and achieve their educational goals.

### Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Report

No report.

Mr. Ledkins requested that Mr. Ramirez provide a written report if he is unable to attend the SAC meeting.

### District Academic Senate Report (11 a.m.)

No report.

Mr. Ledkins requested that Mr. Beaulieu provide a written report if he is unable to attend the SAC meeting.

## ISSUES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Searcy inquired if the LACCD is thinking about dropping Turner Construction Company as the building contractor for WLAC.

Student Trustee Barrero indicated that she would bring this up with the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Ledkins expressed his concern regarding the decision to relocate the Grievance Compliance Officers from the colleges to the District Office at the conclusion of the Fall 2011 semester. He indicated that the Academic Senate at LACC adopted a resolution regarding the bond project moratorium, which states that they oppose any

reallocation of Measure J bond funds that would reduce its existing allocation and, thereby, prevent the completion of vital planned projects; and that they urge the District Academic Senate to oppose any reallocation of bond funds that may cause negative impacts on student learning and success. He requested that the Board of Trustees evaluate what the Chancellor is doing with respect to the moratorium on bond projects.

Mr. Searcy expressed his concern that the District is considering moving the deadline date for dropping with a "W" to be the same as the date that is currently the deadline for dropping without a "W."

Student Trustee Barrero indicated that she would bring this up to the Board.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Occupy Los Angeles

A document entitled "Resolution – Occupy Los Angeles" was distributed.

There was discussion regarding the arguments for and against supporting the resolution and the Occupy Los Angeles movement.

The ASO/ASU Presidents expressed their concern that the language in the resolution does not address the impact of the economic crisis on the students.

Motion by Mr. Ledkins, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to add the following two WHEREAS's:

**WHEREAS, The current fiscal education situation is on a decline in California and the general fund appropriations for community colleges have consistently been cut year after year with little student input on issues; this has led to a decreased course availability, decreasing the number of faculty and decreasing student access, success, and retention in the long run; and**

**WHEREAS, The decrease of homeowners and property owners directly correlates to any further attempts or actions of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to obtain future bond measure funds because of the more limited resources that would be available; and**

Motion by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Ledkins, to move the previous question.

*APPROVED: 9 Ayes*

*AMENDMENTS APPROVED: 9 Ayes*

Motion by Mr. Berkezyan, seconded by Mr. Searcy, to delete the following WHEREAS and replace it with the first of the previously added WHEREAS's:

...

**WHEREAS, ~~Today corporations hold undue influence and power in our country, and the key to this power is the corporate claim to "personhood," an opinion both U.S. Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas declared should be reversed; and~~**

*APPROVED: 9 Ayes*

Motion by Mr. Ledkins, seconded by Mr. Berkezyan, to delete the following WHEREAS and replace it with the second of the previously added WHEREAS's:

...

~~WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a "CDC Health Disparities & Inequalities Report- United States, 2011" revealing that income inequality in the United States~~

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Berkezyan, seconded by Mr. Campos, to delete the following WHEREAS:

...

~~WHEREAS, The 400 richest Americans at the top control more wealth than the 180 million Americans at the bottom; and (our students and their families)~~

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Campos, seconded by Mr. Searcy, to delete the following WHEREAS:

...

~~WHEREAS, The City Council Has Proposed an action fix to the solution and will be following through with this through committees; and~~

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Ledkins, seconded by Mr. Campos, to add the following WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, The students of the LACCD at the nine campuses face financial hardships such as being single parents struggling to support their families, trying to obtain or sustain their employment, and even battling homelessness, which includes them as part of the 99 percent; and

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

There was further discussion regarding the resolution and the Occupy Los Angeles movement.

Motion by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Ledkins, to add the following WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, Occupy Los Angeles involves the community and the community is the student population in community colleges because we warmly welcome the public to become students for the sake of improving our education; and

Motion by Mr. Ledkins, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to substitute the following WHEREAS for Mr. Morales' WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, The Occupy movement involves the community and the students are a part of that community; and

Substitute Motion

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Campos, seconded by Mr. Ledkins, to add the following WHEREAS:

**WHEREAS, The budget cuts are affecting the student services and instructional programs by possibly removing them from our campuses and affecting our students; now, therefore, be it**

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Searcy, seconded by Ms. Ruiz, to call for the question on the resolution as amended.

APPROVED: 9 Ayes

Motion by Mr. Searcy, seconded by Mr. Campos, to adopt the resolution as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, Angelenos (*which include our students*), like citizens across the United States, are reeling from a continuing economic crisis that threatens our fiscal stability and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, "*Occupy Los Angeles*" is fueled by Angelenos (and our students) from all walks of life who have come together in a demonstration of solidarity with and support for the national movement started by the "Occupy Wall Street" protests that began on September 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, *On Saturday, October 1, 2011, "Occupy Los Angeles" started a peaceful protest on the Lawn of Los Angeles City Hall that continues through this day, and "Occupy Los Angeles" demonstrators are working to secure permits to continue the protest; and*

WHEREAS, Over 70 additional "*Occupy*" protests have taken root across the World, from large demonstrations in Boston and San Francisco, to dozens of smaller ones in between, with many more being planned every hour, including a large-scale "*Occupy Colleges*" movement set to begin at 12 noon October 5, 2011 on college campuses across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The protest in Liberty Plaza called "Occupy Wall Street" released its first official Resolution on September, 2011, available at <http://occupywallst.org/forum/first-official-release-from-occupywall-street/>, providing an overview of the goals and unifying principles of the "*Occupy*" movement; and

WHEREAS, The "*Occupy*" demonstrations are a rapidly growing movement with the shared goal of urging U.S. citizens to peaceably assemble and occupy public space in order to create a shared dialogue by which to address the problems and generate solutions for economically distressed Americans; and

WHEREAS, The causes and consequences of the economic crisis are eroding the very social contract upon which the Constitution that the United States of America was founded; namely, the ability of Americans to come together and form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense of, promote the general welfare of, and secure the blessings of liberty for all, allowing every American to strive for and share in the prosperity of our nation through cooperation and hard work; and

**~~WHEREAS, Today corporations hold undue influence and power in our country, and the key to this power is the corporate claim to "personhood," an opinion both U.S. Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas declared should be reversed; and~~**

**WHEREAS, The current fiscal education situation is on a decline in California and the general fund appropriations for community colleges have consistently been cut year after year with little student input on issues; this has led to a decreased course availability, decreasing the number of faculty and decreasing student access, success, and retention in the long run; and**

WHEREAS, Our economic system can only be called broken when one considers that currently, over 25 million Americans who seek work are unemployed; more than 50 million Americans are forced to live without health insurance; and, even using our current poverty measure that is widely recognized to be inadequate and outdated, more than 1 in 5 American children are growing up poor in households that lack access to resources that provide basic survival needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter; and our students in all education are experiencing cuts to education which is a right; and

WHEREAS, The District's pupils are part of the 99 percent and suffering through the economic failure as well; and

~~WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a "CDC Health Disparities & Inequalities Report- United States, 2011" revealing that income inequality in the United States is the highest in the world among any industrialized nation, with wide-spread inequities in U.S. health outcomes by income, race, and gender; and~~

**WHEREAS, The decrease of homeowners and property owners directly correlates to any further attempts or actions of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) to obtain future bond measure funds because of the more limited resources that would be available; and**

WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, both the average and the median wage in America has remained almost stagnant while the average individual worker contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has soared to 59 percent and the economy has doubled, all after adjusting for inflation; and highest in the world among any advanced industrialized nation, with wide-spread inequities in U.S. health outcomes by income, race, and gender; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, almost all the gains to the economy have accrued to the very top income earners—largely the top one percent, who now control 40 percent of the wealth in the United States, in great part as a result of policy changes that are reversible such as taxation; and

WHEREAS, The Institute for Policy Studies indicates that the top one percent of Americans own half of the country's stocks, bonds and mutual funds; and

~~WHEREAS, The 400 richest Americans at the top control more wealth than the 180 million Americans at the bottom; and (our students and their families); and~~

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor has officially endorsed "Occupy Los Angeles" and "Occupy Wall Street" in a statement of support saying: "The Los Angeles labor movement stands with its sisters and brothers occupying Wall Street, downtown Los Angeles, and cities and towns across the country who are fed up with an unfair economy that works for one percent of Americans while the vast majority of people struggle to pay the bills, get an education and raise their families;" and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor statement of endorsement continues: "The Occupy Wall Street movement is mobilizing for a fair economy across the country including in Los Angeles. This movement is taking a stand against the corporate bullies,

banks and investment firms that not only created our economic collapse in 2008, but continue to take advantage of it today, making billions in profits while demanding further wage and benefit cuts from American workers;" and

WHEREAS, Americans must resolve some of the divisive economic and social realities facing our nation in a peaceful way to avoid the further deterioration of our greatest asset—our human capital; and

WHEREAS, In cognizance that one of the factors spurring recent violent revolutionary protests in the Middle East is high income inequality, though the sobering reality is that income inequality in the United States is even higher than that of some of the countries torn asunder by violent revolution; for instance, according to the CIA World Fact Book, the United States Gini coefficient, which is used to measure inequality, is higher than that of Egypt's pre-revolution; and

WHEREAS, The fiscal impact of the continuing economic crisis is disastrous to education, public services, infrastructure and essential safety-net services that have historically made America successful, with school class sizes growing while teachers are laid off and forcing Cities and States to make sobering choices that just a few years ago would have been unthinkable, such as how to cut hours and services from public safety provision, delaying or neglecting to maintain essential physical infrastructure including roads, sewers, and water and power delivery; and cutting services provided by our libraries, recreation, and park facilities; and

WHEREAS, One of the largest problems causing our economy to continue to flounder is the foreclosure crisis, with some banks continuing the use of flawed, and in some cases fraudulent, procedures to flood the housing market with foreclosures, such as the recent revelations of widespread foreclosure mismanagement by mortgage servicers who fail to properly document the seizure and sale of homes, in some cases foreclosing without the legal authority to do so, prompting the 50-state Attorney General investigation of foreclosure practices; and

WHEREAS, California has been particularly hard-hit by the foreclosure crisis with:

- 1 in 5 U.S. foreclosures in California; and
- 1.2 million foreclosures in California since 2008, with a projection of a total of 2 million California foreclosures by the end of 2012; and
- More than a third of California homeowners locked in an underwater mortgage, with few banks offering any type of principal reduction modification, even given Federal, State and City programs offering to split the balance of a modification with the bank; and

WHEREAS, The costs of the foreclosure crisis to California taxpayers include:

- Property tax revenue losses estimated at \$4 billion; and (which affect our budgets)
- Local, county and state government losses to respond to foreclosure-related costs estimated at \$17 billion --including costs such as the maintenance of blighted properties, sheriff evictions, inspections, public safety, trash removal, and other costs at \$19,229 for every foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, With the concurrence of the Mayor, that the adoption of this Resolution was obtained on October 12, 2011, the City of Los Angeles hereby stands in SUPPORT for the continuation of the peaceful and vibrant exercise in First Amendment Rights carried out by "Occupy Los Angeles" and urges the City Departments responsible for completing the implementation plan associated with the Responsible Banking measure (CF 09-0234) that was approved by the Council on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which would address some of the concerns of the "Occupy Los Angeles" demonstrators by demanding accountability and results from the Banks we invest taxpayer dollars in, to bring the Responsible Banking measure for a final vote to the Council by November 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2010, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed the Responsible Banking measure, CF 09-0234 (Alarcon-Garcetti-Hahn-Parks-Reyes), which would create a Responsible Banking program for the City of Los Angeles, scoring financial institutions that the City pays to conduct City business along a Los Angeles-specific "Community Reinvestment Score" that measures the institution's Los Angeles investments in an objective, data-driven manner, for example, by measuring the amount of home loan modifications extended to Los Angeles homeowners, the amount and location of bank branches maintained throughout the City, and the amount of affordable housing dollars invested in the City; and

WHEREAS, The Responsible Banking program, a practical approach to ensuring accountability, would, therefore, provide an important financial incentive for banking institutions to 1) Invest more in our City and our citizens, particularly by stabilizing the housing market; 2) Provide our community development institutions and nonprofits with increased affordable housing funds; and 3) Provide incentive for additional economic development drivers to spur increased fair lending and equitable investment in Los Angeles, by leveraging a model similar to the federal Community Reinvestment Act; and

~~WHEREAS, The City Council has proposed an action fix to the solution and will be following through with this through committees; and~~

WHEREAS, The students at our campuses are affected by this and are part of the 99 percent, and the cuts to classes, teachers, and fee hikes; ~~now, therefore, be it and~~

WHEREAS, The students of the LACCD at the nine campuses face financial hardships such as being single parents struggling to support their families, trying to obtain or sustain their employment, and even battling homelessness, which includes them as part of the 99 percent; and

WHEREAS, The Occupy movement involves the community and the students are a part of that community; and

WHEREAS, The budget cuts are affecting the student services and instructional programs by possibly removing them from our campuses and affecting our students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SUPPORTS THE ~~SISTER AND MAIN MOVEMENT OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT AND OCCUPY LOS ANGELES (OCCUPY TOGETHER)~~ which as referenced above is becoming a worldwide movement and we advise the district BOARD OF TRUSTEES to support and to take an action that can help with the movement's cause.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 6 Ayes (ELAC, LACC, LAMC, LASC, LATTC, WLAC)  
3 Noes (LAHC, Pierce College, LAVC)

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Due to the lack of the time, there was no discussion regarding the following discussion items.

- A. Legislative Review and Recommendations (standing discussion item)
- B. Priority Enrollment Review and Comment
- C. Supplemental Instruction (SI)

D. Negative Check-off

E. Roundtable Discussion

#### CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

#### SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Academic Senate (DAS) – Yui Fan, Student Representative; Norvan Berkezyan, Alternate

District Budget Committee (DBC) – Amber I. Barrero, Student Representative; Norvan Berkezyan, Alternate

District Curriculum Committee – Daniel Campos, Student Representative; Jaden K. Ledkins, Alternate

District Citizens' Oversight Committee – Jaden K. Ledkins, Student Representative; Luciano Morales, Alternate

Due to the lack of time, there were no Outside Committee reports.

LACCD Sheriff's Oversight Ad Hoc Committee – Jaden K. Ledkins, Student Representative

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Student Advocacy Committee – James Garcia, Chair

Student Information System (SIS) Committee – Jaden Ledkins, Chair; James Garcia

Ad Hoc Transportation Committee – Jaden K. Ledkins, Chair

Due to the lack of time, there were no Ad Hoc Committee or Task Force reports.

#### RESOURCE TABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Jaden K. Ledkins, ASO President, LACC, will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meetings of December 7, 2011 and December 14, 2011.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011 at 9 a.m. The deadline for submitting agenda items is Monday, November 21, 2011.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Searcy, seconded by Mr. Campos, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.