

## LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

### 2015 PRIORITIES

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In early October, the Chancellor, along with his cabinet, the college presidents, the President of the Board, the Chair of the Legislative Committee and representatives from McCallum Group, Inc. gathered to brainstorm regarding the direction of the district and what should be the district's top priorities for the coming legislative year. From that session emerged the attached list of priorities. This document contains background information on each of the items listed.

**Concurrent/Dual Enrollment:** last year LACCD co-sponsored legislation that would provide the district with the opportunity to partner with K-12 districts to create concurrent enrollment pathways for high school students. That legislation stalled in Senate Appropriations. However, there is great interest in bringing it back this year. This interest was expressed by many at the brainstorming meeting.

**Implementation of Growth Funding Formula:** last year, as a part of the budget, a new funding formula for growth was to be developed through a consultative process. Some of the factors that are to be included in that formula were put into the budget language. This year will see the unveiling and implementation of the formula. NOTE: The Funding for Growth topic is now combined with this section since the Los Angeles region has one of the lower participation rates in the state. Increasing the allocation of funding that goes to growth can increase access for underserved students in the Los Angeles region.

**\$250 million Career Pathway Grant:** The 2nd round of funding (\$250m) is now available from the CA Department of Education with the overarching goal of the CCPT being to build robust partnerships between employers, schools, and community colleges in order to better prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace and improve student transition into postsecondary education, training, and employment. With a due date of February 6th, LACCD is moving towards submitting a \$15m regional consortium grant proposal that represents all nine of its community colleges. Communications with individual community colleges, regional businesses, and high schools are now occurring as well as other added-value partners.

**Adult Education:** The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC) is continuing its efforts to develop an Adult Education Plan. The 2nd phase submission deadline (October 31, 2014) was successfully met and the consortium is poised to also meet its 3rd phase submission deadline of December 31st. LARAEC is comprised of the following members: LACCD (fiscal lead), LAUSD, Montebello USD, Burbank USD, and Culver City USD.

**Implementation of SB 850:** last year the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 850 which authorizes a baccalaureate degree pilot program which permits 15 colleges in 15 different districts to offer one baccalaureate degree program. The Chancellor's Office is in the process of implementing the regulations for the program. There was a desire to put forth one of LACCD's programs for consideration.

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**Increased Funding for DSPS and Flexibility:** last year the Legislature approved and the Governor signed a \$30 million augmentation for DSPS. There was discussion that this level of funding is not enough and that there are some limits to the funding that makes it difficult to cover all costs with the allocated funding. Some expressed concern that funding was being moved from their general funds to cover costs associated with disabled students.

**Targeted CTE Funding for Student Success:** last year funding was provided in the budget for Economic and Workforce Development. It was expressed that some would like to see this funding more targeted for CTE student success activities.

**Apprentice as a Success:** there was concern expressed that there are many students in the district that are placed into apprenticeship programs and become apprentices which is not counted as a “success” pursuant to student success act requirements. Some expressed a desire to have this included as a success.

**Implementation of SB 1391 Inmate Education:** last year, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation that equalizes funding for community colleges to offer education in a correctional setting. The bill also contains approximately \$2 million in grant funding for allocation through an interagency agreement between the Chancellor’s Office and the Department of Corrections for innovative programs. There was a desire to move to offering some of these programs, but also reaching out to local businesses to create pathways for these students.

**Mandate funding for CalSTRS/CalPERS:** last year, as a part of the budget process, the Governor and Legislature approved dramatic increases in CalSTRS contributions for employees, the state and employers, meanwhile, the CalSTRS board has also approved employer increases. In response to the increased cost, the administration and Legislature also included funding for mandates that went out on a per ftes basis that could be used to cover the cost increase. There was a great desire to continue this funding moving forward.