



**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017**

**Friday, December 11, 2015
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Committee: Milo Anderson, Student Trustee; Earic Peters, Chief Student Services Officer Liaison; Sonia Lopez, ASO Advisor Liaison; Bryant Woodert, ASG President, LACC; Aurora Paredes, ASU Chief Justice, ELAC; David Do, ASO President, LAPC; Pedro E. Montalvo, ASO President, LASC; John Eleby, ASO Director of Publicity, LATTC; Erica Martel, ASU President, LAVC; and Juan Sebastian Rodriguez, ASO President, WLAC.

Student Trustee Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The following colleges were present: LACC, ELAC, LASC, LATTC, and LAVC.

Absent: LAHC, LAMC, and WLAC (arrived at 10:10 a.m.).

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Mr. Alfred B. Konuwa III, Representative from the Office of Chairman Jerome E. Horton, California Board of Equalization, 3rd District, shared information on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This program is currently seeking student volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for students.

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Mr. Denny Zane, Executive Director of Move LA, and Ms. Gloria Ohland, Policy & Communications Director of MoveLA, a local nonprofit community organization for public transit, distributed a handout and gave a brief presentation regarding the Universal Student Transit pass which is under discussion with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority's Board that would allow LACCD students to ride any bus or train line, at any time, for about \$30.00 a year. MoveLA is looking for student support for this new initiative.

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Ms. Valerie Barcarse, Representative from the Office of Chairman Jerome E. Horton, California Board of Equalization, 3rd District, clarified that training is available for all volunteers who wish to participate in the VITA program. Volunteers are being sought so that the program's services can be expanded to all nine LACCD colleges.

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Mr. Ryan Navarrete, Student, LATTTC, announced that he is submitting a Recall Petition to the Board of Trustees Office today for the Student Trustee position that contains 354 signatures from registered LACCD students, which is over 35% of the number of students that voted in the last election.

Mr. Paul Medina, Student, ELAC, reported that he is still waiting to receive his monthly bus pass after submitting an application during the first week of October, and looks forward to a Universal Student Transit Pass program. He also stated that he is saddened and upset to hear that a recall is being requested for the Student Trustee position so soon after the current Student Trustee has taken office.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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

Mr. John Eleby, LATTTC; Mr. Pedro E. Montalvo, LASC; Ms. Erica Martel, LAVC; Ms. Aurora Paredes, ELAC; Mr. Bryant Woodert, LACC; Mr. David Do, LAPC; and Mr. Juan Sebastian Rodriguez, WLAC.

STUDENT TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Student Trustee Anderson reported that he has attended six committee meetings at the Educational Services Center this past month. He intends to raise the students' voices to the Board of Trustees so that the Board members can be directed towards making positive changes for students.

Student Trustee Anderson wants to visit each ASO Board at each college and asked for help scheduling those meeting dates. Student Trustee Anderson is interested in attending local events at each college as well, and asked to be informed of those events.

Student Trustee Anderson explained that many of the Board of Trustees members work full-time jobs during the day, so it is difficult to find a Board member who is available to attend the Student Affairs Committee meetings.

Student Trustee Anderson announced that the Food Services Steering Committee has the results of their survey compiled, and those results will be shared with the SAC members soon via email.

LIAISON REPORTS

Educational Services Center Report – Bobbi Kimble, Liaison

No report. (Absent)

ASO/ASU/ASG Advisors' Report – Sonia Lopez, Liaison

Ms. Lopez reported that the ASO Advisors will meet next week on December 18, 2015.

Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Report –Eric B. Peters, Liaison

Dr. Peters reminded the SAC members not to neglect their duties as students first and focus on being engaged campus leaders as their second priority.

College President's Report – Laurence B. Frank, Liaison

No report. (Absent)

MATTERS FOR/OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Discussion focused on why the SAC is not meeting in January 2016. This was decided in August 2015 due to a concern for a lack of quorum for the January meeting – the SAC meeting schedule can be revised. If SAC members cannot attend a meeting in January, they are encouraged to send a delegate. The ASO/ASU/ASG Presidents must notify the Student Trustee and the SAC Secretary of the delegate's name in writing via email or fax if they ever need to send a delegate to any SAC meeting. Since every LACCD college will be holding a Winter Intersession, and students pay for student representation fees to cover every month of the year, and since it is written in the SAC chartered documents that the SAC is required to meet once a month, it was determined that the SAC will meet in January.

Motion by ASG President Woodert, seconded by ASO Director of Publicity Eleby, to hold a SAC meeting on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

ADOPTED: 7 Ayes (Absent: LAHC, LAMC)

(Dr. Earic Peters departed at 10:45 a.m.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on the Electronic Voting Project

Mr. Jorge Mata, Chief Information Officer, LACCD, gave a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a handout regarding the progress made towards LACCD's procurement of an electronic voting system that can be used for future Student Trustee Elections as well as for all student voting needs. Multiple vendors are currently being considered. An online e-voting demo was shown, and a tentative implementation timeline was discussed. The SAC members were encouraged to email their voting needs to Student Trustee Milo Anderson and Ms. Bobbi Kimble.

Dream Resource Centers

Ms. Aurora Paredes spoke on behalf of Mr. Gerson Liahut-Sanchez, who was not present at this meeting. Ms. Paredes read a resolution from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding providing support for first generation undocumented students in community colleges by creating resource centers. Undocumented students were previously termed "AB 540 students."

Student Trustee Anderson asked for the resolution to be emailed to him.

Motion by ASO President Montalvo, seconded by ASG President Woodert, to carry this discussion item forward to the January SAC agenda.

ADOPTED: 7 Ayes (Absent: LAHC, LAMC)

Governing Rules/Documents

ASG President Woodert reported that he has read through the SAC Resource Materials handbook and found it to be very helpful. He expressed a concern regarding the fact that a Board member is not designated to regularly attend SAC meetings, as is stipulated in the Board Rules. Mr. Woodert also emphasized that any issues that affect student life should be discussed

between students and Board members, such as the issues with Higher One as a financial aid distributor for students.

Purpose of Student Affairs Committee

ASG President Woodert stated that he felt as though he did not have a voice on the SAC due to his struggles with trying to add items on past SAC agendas.

Discussion focused on the need to promote the SAC at each college, and also for the SAC members to remain positive, to work together, to be open to each other's views, and to be grateful for the involvement of others.

(Mr. Pedro Earnesto Montalvo, LASC, departed at 11:45 a.m.)

AD HOC ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Follow-up Report from the Higher One Issues

ASG President Woodert distributed a handout that outlined his research results from looking into the issues with using Higher One as a financial aid distributor for LACCD students.

ASG President Woodert reported on how Higher One is a "for-profit" agency that is currently being sued by multiple agencies for their fee structures and predatory practices. The Federal Reserve Board has fined Higher One \$3.5 million dollars for the debit card charges that students suffer from. The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have presented legislature on Thursday, December 10, 2015 to prevent kickbacks to colleges who use Higher One that allow the colleges to earn money from student fees. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is pushing for legislation for colleges to disclose that financial relationship.

ASG President Woodert also shared his research regarding two credit unions, Schools Federal Credit Union and SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union. Credit unions have low interest rates, give loans to students, and don't charge fees to their account holders.

Follow-up Report from the LACCD Food Services Steering Committee

Student Trustee Anderson reported that the consultants have compiled the results of the Food Services survey that was issued to all LACCD students earlier this year. He will share the results with the SAC members via email as soon as they are public.

ACTION ITEMS

Student Transportation Resolution

Discussion followed regarding the positive impact that this resolution would have on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and MoveLA, and how it is yet to be determined as to which LACCD college would run this as a pilot program.

Motion by ASG President Woodert, seconded by ASO Director of Publicity Eleby, to adopt the resolution as presented.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes (LACC, ELAC, LAPC, LATTC, LAVC and WLAC)

Tuition-Free Community College Resolution

Discussion followed regarding how a similar resolution was presented to the SAC in Spring 2015 but did not pass due to lack of quorum. The SAC also discussed how education is essential to help disadvantaged students rise out of poverty in order to better themselves.

Motion by ASG President Woodert, seconded by ASO Director of Publicity Eleby, to adopt the resolution as presented.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes (LACC, ELAC, LAPC, LATTC, LAVC and WLAC)

CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Budget Committee (DBC) – Romel Lopez, ASU President, ELAC

No report. (Absent)

District Curriculum Committee (DCC) – Erica Martel, ASO President, LAVC

No report.

District Citizens' Oversight Committee (DCOC) – Michael J. Griggs (LAMC) – Student Representative

No report. (Absent)

RESOURCE TABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – January 13, 2016 (LAVC)

Ms. Erica Martel will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of January 13, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

ASG President Woodert requested to have an action item regarding not supporting Higher One added to the next SAC agenda. Student Trustee Anderson asked Mr. Woodert to draft a resolution to that effect that they could work on together.

ASO Director of Publicity Eleby requested to have a discussion item regarding goals for the Spring semester on the next SAC agenda.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting location is to be determined. The deadline for submitting agenda items is Monday, January 4, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.