

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
Redwood Hall building, Room C-107a
400 West Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90015

Friday, November 6, 2015 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Committee:

Milo Anderson, Student Trustee; Bobbi Kimble, District Office Liaison, ESC; Earic Peters, Chief Student Services Officer Liaison; Alen Andriassian, ASO Advisor Liaison Representative; Bryant Woodert, ASG President, LACC; Romel Lopez, ASU President, ELAC; Alexa Victoriano, ASO Vice President, LAHC; Jackie L. Ambridge, ASO President, LAMC; 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 9:54 a.m.

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

Absent: LAPC (arrived at 10:15 a.m.), LAVC (arrived at 10:10 a.m.), and WLAC (arrived at 10:00 a.m.).

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Ms. Gloria Ohland, Policy & Communications Director of MoveLA, a local nonprofit community organization for public transit addressed the committee regarding a Universal Transit pass which is under discussion with the LA Metro Board that would allow students to ride any bus or train line, any time, for about \$5.00/month. MoveLA is looking for student support for this new initiative.

An unidentified student reported that LATTC's ASO Inter-Club Council (ICC) has been shut down because the students could not agree with their ASO Advisor on the terms of the new ASO Bylaws. On the day that the clubs were shut down, five events were scheduled to occur on campus that had to be cancelled. The student reported feeling uninclined to attend LATTC anymore because of this incident.

A second unidentified student reported that the LATTC ASO Constitution is being ignored, the Bylaws are being violated and the students are being stepped on.

Mr. Juan Sebastian Rodriguez, ASO President of WLAC, reported that he was approached by a representative from a company called "Nobel 101," a feebased company that can provide SAT preparation and final exam preparation services for students.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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

Mr. Pedro E. Montalvo, LASC; Ms. Jackie Ambridge, LAMC; Mr. John Eleby, LATTC; Ms. Alexa Victoriano, LAHC; Mr. Bryant Woodert, LACC; Mr. David Do, LAPC; Mr. Romel Lopez, ELAC; Mr. Erica Martel, LAVC; and Mr. Juan Sebastian Rodriguez, WLAC.

There being no objection, Discussion Items was taken out of order on the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dream Resource Centers

Mr. Liahut-Sanchez was not present at this meeting, so this discussion item will be postponed until the December 11, 2015 SAC meeting.

Student Issues with Higher One Services

Mr. Harry Ziogas, Director of Accounting, LACCD, distributed a handout entitled "How To Use MyLACCDCard Without Fees" and explained how LACCD began its partnership with Higher One six years ago. Four years ago, instructional videos regarding how to access Higher One services were posted online for students. Effective July 1, 2016, Higher One ATM machines will be free of charge.

The SAC members shared their concerns regarding the difficulty of using the Higher One ATM machines, including a \$0.50 fee for every time their card is used, ATM machines on campus that have been broken and out of service for more than a year, ATM machines that are held in locked campus buildings that are only available during certain times, and how students' funds have a three-day holding period between the time funding is awarded and the time it is available to use. Mr. Ziogas asked to have a consolidated list of student concerns emailed to him so that he can address each issue.

LACC ASO President Woodert stated that students were never consulted in the RFP process for Higher One, and asked why credit unions were not invited to participate in the RFP process.

Student Trustee Anderson appointed LACC ASO President Woodert to be the Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee, the "Higher One Fact-Finding Committee," to research these concerns and report back to the SAC.

Concerns Regarding Use of Bond Money

LACC ASO President Woodert stated that he is seeking clear information on how bond funds are used. He stated that at LACC, funds are being taken from one building project and are being used for another building project. President Woodert asked how to hold the responsible parties accountable for their actions.

Discussion focused on the need to consult with Mr. Michael Griggs, the student representative assigned to the District Citizens' Oversight Committee, regarding bond funding issues, and also the need for students to attend the regular LACCD Board meetings to make the Board members aware of these concerns.

STUDENT TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Student Trustee Anderson shared his three main issues that he will be working on for the year: 1) The Universal Transit Pass – Mr. Anderson will attend the December 3, 2015 MTA Board meeting to show student support for this new initiative; 2) Problems with student representation fees and ASO funds – Mr. Anderson will research these long-standing problems; and 3) Student Trustee Election reform – Mr. Anderson is interested in having an electronic voting system established in time for next year's elections.

(Ms. Alexa Victoriano, LAHC; Mr. Pedro Earnesto Montalvo, LASC; Ms. Jackie Ambridge, LAMC; and Mr. Romel Lopez, ELAC departed at 11:45 a.m.)

LIAISON REPORTS

District Office Report

Mr. Maury Pearl made no report on behalf of Ms. Bobbi Kimble, who was attending Special Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success Committee meetings today.

ASO/ASU/ASG Advisors' Report

Mr. Alen Andriassian encouraged the students present to meet with their advisor regularly and to do their due diligence to resolve issues.

Mr. Andriassian will email the ASO Advisors group regarding the concerns that were raised in today's SAC meeting.

Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Report

Dr. Earic Peters stated that students need to be involved in committee meetings held at their respective colleges, and that all issues should be documented for reference by future ASO officers.

Dr. Peters encouraged the SAC members to be involved in the food services forums that are being held at the colleges.

Dr. Peters announced that he would like to initiate a voter registration campaign to happen at all colleges.

District Academic Senate (DAS) Report

None.

MATTERS FOR/OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

CONSULTATION ITEMS

None.

SAC OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report. (Absent)

District Curriculum Committee (DCC) – Pedro E. Montalvo, ASO President, LASC

No report. (Absent)

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

No report. (Absent)

RESOURCE TABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – December 9, 2015 (WLAC)

Mr. Juan Sebastian Rodriguez will serve as the Student Representative at the Resource Table for the Board meeting of December 9, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at the ESC in the Board Room. The deadline for submitting agenda items is Monday, November 30, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.