

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

Committee: Andra Hoffman, Chair; Mike Fong, Vice Chair; Mike Eng, Member
Trustee Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Updates (Rick Taylor/Leslie Pollner, Holland & Knight)

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight; introduced Mr. Rick Taylor, Dakota Communications; Mr. Daniel C. “Dan” Maldonado, Senior Policy Advisor, Holland & Knight; and Ms. Jen McKee.

Ms. Pollner indicated that Congress unveiled a \$1.15 trillion spending package, which will fund the government until December 2015. She indicated that a continuing Resolution was introduced in order to allow the omnibus funding bill package to pass.

Ms. Pollner continued to discuss the following bills:

- Pell Grants—the bill provides \$22,475 billion for the Pell Grants program to maintain the maximum discretionary award level at \$4,860 for the 2016-2017 school year
- Student Loan Servicing—the bill provides \$1,552 billion—\$155 million more than last year, to the Student Aid Administration
- TRIO programs—the bill includes \$900 million for TRIO, \$60 million more than last year, to help low-income and first generation college students prepare for and succeed in college.

Ms. Pollner indicated that Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). She continued to discuss the status of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) reauthorization.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill and the Promise Neighborhood Initiative.

Mr. Maldonado indicated that the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill specifications will be provided to the Committee.

League Analysis of the 2016-17 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook (Lizette Navarette, Community College League of California)

Documents entitled "League Analysis of the 2016-17 California's Fiscal Outlook" and "Office of Government Relations" were distributed.

Ms. Lizette Navarette, Legislative Advocate, Community College League of California (CCLC), indicated that the Governor's budget proposal will be released by January 10, 2016 if not sooner. She gave a summary of the status of Proposition 98 with respect to the one-time resources, new Proposition 98 funding in 2016-17, out-year projection issues with Proposition 30 revenues being phased out and local property tax assumptions.

She indicated that the CCLC budget priorities are base allocations for California community colleges, resources for technology infrastructure, and new money for faculty resources.

Potential Policy Issues to Impact Community Colleges (Lizette Navarette)

Ms. Navarette stated that the CCLC assumption is that Proposition 30 will not be extended. She indicated that all the elements of a compromise extension for Proposition 30 are in place concerning the California Hospital Association and the California Federation of Teachers. She indicated that this would provide temporary funding for the extension targeting high income earners that will make available additional resources for social services programs/medical programs until 2030. The official Proposition 30 extension compromise between these two organizations will be released by next month.

Trustee Hoffman inquired if the CCLC will be providing assistance to the Committee with appointments to meet with legislators during the CCLC Annual Legislative Conference being held on January 31 – February 1, 2016 in Sacramento, California.

Ms. Navarette responded that she would provide guidance and a list of leadership members that are interested in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) budget priorities and can influence final decisions.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding Workforce Development reform options that include financing Career Technical Education (CTE), alignment of standards, Cal Grant awards, and course approval.

Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez inquired if there is interest in supporting additional funding for the Adult Education Program.

Ms. Navarette responded in the affirmative and indicated that the CCLC will request additional funding from the Department of Education on behalf of the LACCD since there was a discrepancy between what was allocated and the unmet need to fund the Adult Education Program.

LACCD Legislative Priorities and Future Sacramento Visit (Open Discussion)

Chancellor Rodriguez recommended that the legislative priorities from 2015 be utilized as a guide to understand what was accomplished and what the LACCD can carry forward in 2016. He indicated that the Board of Trustees, Presidents, Faculty, and staff have the expertise and experience to gain support from the State legislators to attain the LACCD priorities.

Trustee Hoffman expressed her concern that without a State lobbyist in place the LACCD has missed the opportunity to seek new legislation since the deadline is February 2016.

Mr. John McDowell, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, expressed his concern that there is no LACCD representation in Sacramento that has the LACCD priorities in mind. He urged the Committee to make this a top priority to obtain an experienced lobbyist.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding strategies to plan new legislation, financial aid funding, and issues of concern regarding the lack of representation of a State lobbyist to advocate the LACCD interests in Sacramento, California.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on AB 86/AB 104 Adult Education (Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College)

This item was not discussed.

DISCUSSION

None.

SUMMARY--NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Trustee Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.