

**Los Angeles Community College District
Board Committee Minutes: Legislative & Public Affairs (L&PA)**

January 9, 2019

Committee Members: David Vela, Chair
Gabriel Buelna, Vice Chair (Absent)
Scott J. Svonkin, Member
Mike Fong, Board Alternate
Maria Luisa Veloz, Staff Liaison
Marvin Martinez, College President Liaison
Lawrence Buckley, College President Liaison Alternate

Chairman Vela called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Agenda Items

Roll Call

On roll call, the following committee members were present: David Vela, Chair and Scott J. Svonkin, Member

Public Speakers

None

RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

Update on 2019-20 Federal Policy and Advocacy Proposals

- Federal Proposals: Leslie Pollner, Holland & Knight LLP

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Legislative Analyst Holland & Knight LLP referenced a memorandum entitled "Federal Update" dated January 4, 2019 and briefed the Committee on key federal issues relevant to the LACCD. Areas of discussion included the government shutdown proposal, GI Bill delays, and the Higher Education Act prognosis.

A question and answer session was conducted on the information presented.

Trustee Vela inquired as to the impact that the government shutdown has as it pertains to higher education. Ms. Pollner indicated that since the Departments of Labor and Education were funded last year, both continue to operate. However, other government areas that are likely to be impacted include the National Science Foundation, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Veteran's Affairs. The National Science Foundation may not be issuing new grants. A bill signed into law requires a team of specialists to address ongoing delays with veterans' tuition payments and housing payments.

Update on 2019-20 State Policy and Advocacy Proposals

- State Legislative Proposals: Dale Shimasaki, Strategic Education Services

Mr. David Neben, Strategic Education Services, gave an update on the best value procurement bill and requested to facilitate a meeting with the union groups including the building trades for input and feedback.

Dr. Dale Shimasaki, Strategic Education Services, gave a presentation entitled, "Legislative Update" and reviewed the legislative calendar, updates on the

membership of the Education Committee, Higher Education Committee, Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education, Appropriations Committee, LACCD Sponsored and Proposed Legislation and the Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference with those participating from LACCD.

A question and answer session was conducted on the presentation.

With respect to the upcoming legislation visit, data that supports background information to proposed legislation will be included in the materials. For example, for the course repeatability bill, include actual data from campuses on how many students need to repeat, distinguished by courses.

Update on 2019-20 State Budget Proposal

- State Budget Proposals: Patrick McCallum, McCallum Group, Inc.

Mr. Patrick McCallum, The McCallum Group, reviewed information from a memorandum entitled, "Budget Update 2019-2020." He reviewed the budget priorities, which include the second year of the College Promise and the Funding Formula – Calculation of BOG Fee Waiver by College. There was brief discussion on the BOG Fee Waiver by College topic, LACCD being a multi-college district, and its significance to future LACCD state funding. Mr. McCallum will forward the plan to rectify the BOG Fee Waiver issue to be shared with the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee. He continued with review of New Committee Assignments in the Legislature, Wayfair Decision, Department of Finance Revenues, and the results of a poll from the Public Policy Institute of California, which indicates that nearly half of likely voters are in support of tuition free community college being a high priority.

A question and answer session was conducted on the information presented.

With pre-school as one of the focus areas for the state budget, the reimbursement rates that the state funds the childcare centers should be revisited. Dually noted is the importance of LACCD having representation on the State Chancellor's Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) Oversight Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Legislative Matrix 2019-2020

The Committee received a copy of the "LACCD Legislative Matrix 2019-2020."

FUTURE DISCUSSION/AGENDA ITEMS

Suggestion was made to host a LACCD briefing with legislators and local government officials to share the LACCD vision, mission, and priorities.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

The next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.