

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

February 6, 2019

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

Trustee Vela, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members were present: David Vela, Chair; Gabriel Buelna, Vice Chair; Scott J. Svonkin, member

II. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were no public speakers.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on 2019-20 Federal Policy and Advocacy Proposals

Leslie Pollner, Holland and Knight, reported on updates to a memorandum entitled "Legislative Committee Report" dated January 28, 2019. She commented on items relevant to the LACCD which include the Department of Education's alternative processes for satisfying requirements of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), priorities for the Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization, FAFSA simplification, school accountability, and the Second Chance Pell. A brief question and answer session was conducted, noting areas that the LACCD team may want to explore during the upcoming Washington D.C. visit with the congressional delegation.

B. Update on 2019-20 State Budget Proposal

Dale Shimasaki, Strategic Education Services, gave an update on the legislative calendar and status of LACCD priorities, which included:

- L.A. College Promise – Year Two (AB 2)
- Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant for AB540/DACA
- Assisting LGBTQ students secure eligibility for financial aid
- Course Repeatability
- Faculty Obligation Number

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

Kara Cross and David Neben from Quintana, Watts & Hartmann reported on state policy and advocacy proposals. With respect to best value procurement, it was noted that Miguel Santiago would support the bill.

Trustee Vela thanked all for their reports before moving the agenda to the next item.

C. Review of State Advocacy Day – January 28, 2019

Dr. Shimasaki gave a presentation on [State Advocacy Day](#), offering a background and noting the LACCD delegation team's participation of four teams with participants including students, college presidents, district administration and board of trustees' members. The teams attended advocacy meetings with key policymakers to share legislative priorities and issues impacting community college students. Discussion continued with the feedback received from Advocacy Day on items pertaining to the LACCD legislative agenda including California College Promise (Year Two), Food Insecurity, DACA/AB540 Students, Student Financial Aid, and the Safe Campus Car Initiative. There was also conversation as to student housing and possible frameworks with UC/CSU institutions.

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

Trustee Vela commended staff and thanked Maria Luisa Veloz for all the work with LACCD's delegation for the Community College League of California (CCLC) Advocacy Day.

D. Update on 2019-20 State Budget Proposal

Patrick McCallum, The McCallum Group, gave an update as to the budget for California Community Colleges noting major initiatives that include:

- Reducing the CalSTRS employer contribution
- Funding facilities (LACC project)
- Expansion of the Cal Grant
- Funding a Second Year of the Community College Promise
- Supporting the Dream Resource Centers
- Promise Grant Allocation by College
- Maintaining the current threshold of the Student-Centered Funding Formula, which is 70%-Enrollment/10%-Student Success/20%-Equity

With respect to the Second Year of the Community College Promise, it was noted that some districts are concerned with the federal loan provision. Also, for the student-centered funding formula, it was noted that some districts support maintaining the current rates of 70%-Enrollment/10%-Student Success/20%-Equity; however, the LACCD's position, supports moving to the 60%-Enrollment/20%-Student Success/20%-Equity formula with a transition to 65%-Enrollment/20%-Student Success/15%-Equity.

V. Future Discussion/Agenda Items

Trustee Svonkin requested an open and transparent debate on the goals of our local advocates.

VI. Future Meeting Dates

Trustee Vela, Chair, noted that the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019.

VII. Adjournment

There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.