

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

March 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 12:34 p.m.

Agenda Items

Roll Call

On roll call, the following committee members were present: David Vela, Chair; Gabriel Buelna, Vice Chair; and Scott J. Svonkin, member (arrived at 12:42 p.m.)

Public Speakers

There were no public speakers.

RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

A. Update on AB 302

Dr. Dale Shimasaki, Strategic Education Services, gave an update on Assembly Bill 302 Berman: Parking Lots for Homeless Students. The proposed bill would require community college districts to grant overnight access to parking facilities to any homeless student who meets specified requirements.

Trustee Vela opened an interactive discussion from stakeholders. Mr. Marvin Martinez, ELAC President and Chief Executive Officers for California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Board President, commented that the CEOCCC Board has a current position of "watch" for AB 302. Mr. John McDowell, LA College Faculty Guild, commented that taking a "support if amended position" can help us to assist students. Ms. Velma Butler, AFT1521A Staff Guild, expressed concerns with security, available resources, and noted the importance of creating partnerships to strengthen and support the LACCD mission. Trustee Svonkin commented on the need to comprehensively support students with holistic services. Trustee Buelna commented on the evolving issue of student housing and meals for community college students and its positive aspects, which will be multiple in nature. Trustee Vela, Chair, stressed the importance of having input from all stakeholders including students and noted the direction from the discussion is to support the bill with amendments to make discretionary. Trustees Svonkin and Buelna concurred.

B. Update on 2019-20 Federal Tax Conformity Issue

Mr. Mark MacDonald, The McCallum Group, reviewed the FY2019-2020 state budget analysis for Prop. 98. He referenced a [letter](#) from the Education Tax Coalition to the California legislature regarding the 2019-20 Federal Tax Conformity, which outlines five tax conformities, in addition to the Governor's proposals, which could result in an estimated \$88-90 million in additional revenues to community colleges. It was noted that this information will be shared with the Board of Trustees Budget and Finance Committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Ms. Leslie Pollner, Holland & Knight, reported on federal updates and gave an overview of key issues impacting the Los Angeles Community College District, including LACCD's Visit to Washington; the DREAM and Promise Act; Hearings on Rewriting the Higher Education Act; and the release of part of President Trump's budget. Ms. Pollner also reported that during the visit to Washington D.C., the LACCD team attended 19 congressional visits to discuss LACCD's federal policy priorities, with scheduled follow-ups.

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

B. Update on 2019-20 State Policy and Advocacy Proposals

Dr. Shimasaki gave a presentation entitled, "Legislative Update: Prepared for Legislative and Public Affairs Committee for the Los Angeles Community College District". He reviewed the legislative calendar for the 2019 session, gave an update on the LACCD legislative priorities with next steps, and reported on issues to consider for AB 302 Berman, which proposes community colleges implement a plan for the utilization of parking lots for homeless students. The Committee engaged in discussion concerning the LACCD legislative priorities and their secured vehicles, except for the FON Repeatability priority.

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

David Neben from Quintana, Watts, & Hartmann gave an update on best value procurement noting that the Building Trades have offered feedback, which is in review.

C. Update on 2019-20 State Budget Proposal

Mr. MacDonald reviewed a handout entitled, "CCC Budget Report" from the McCallum Group and reported on Tax Revenues, LAO Higher Education and Education Analysis, and upcoming Budget Hearings. He also reviewed a presentation entitled, "[Los Angeles Community College District 2019-20 Budget](#)"

[Update](#)” and gave highlights on budget adjustments, the student-centered funding formula, and financial aid. A brief question and answer session included the possibility of a decrease in the COLA rate, a year to year variation on the student-centered funding formula, revenue loss scenarios for Prop. 98, and the potential impact of these items to the LACCD.

D. Update on Local Advocates

Ms. Maria Luisa Veloz, Administrative Officer to the Chancellor, welcomed representatives from local advocate firms and invited all to a meeting that will be scheduled soon for stakeholder participation, input, and feedback on leveraging local resources to support LACCD priorities. The following local advocates were introduced: Jorge Morales from Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai with Julio Esperias from Dakota Communications; Robert Urteaga and Lauren Delgado from The Santa Maria Group; and Jorge Garrido and Alexis O’Brien from Mercury Public Affairs.

A brief question and answer session included that local advocates consider topics such as free student transportation passes and exploring opportunities through Measure H.

Chancellor Rodriguez reminded all that results from a recent LACCD student survey will be available this week which will enable the LACCD to better understand the needs of our students with an updated student profile so that we can immediately address based on the results of this data.

FUTURE DISCUSSION/AGENDA ITEMS

David Vela, Chair, noted to continue the conversation on student homelessness, housing and food insecurity.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.