District Academic Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Attendance – Senate Presidents in parentheses

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<td>Officers: Angela Echeverri (President), Anna Nicholas (1st VP), Elizabeth Atondo (2nd VP), Lourdes Brent (Secretary), Joshua Miller (Treasurer), John Freitas (Parliamentarian)</td>
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<td>City: (Mickey Hong), Donna Morley, Joseph Ferorosa</td>
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<td>Guests: Beth Abels (Pierce), Tariq Azim, Jessica Drawbond (Southwest), Wendy Hoffman (Harbor), George Leddy (Valley), Jason Librande (West), Farzaneh Saddigh (Harbor), Erum Syed (Southwest)</td>
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Call to Order:
District Academic Senate President Angela Echeverri called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Resolution on Meeting by Teleconferencing as Allowed under AB 361
(Hong/Anderson) M/S/P

Approval of the Agenda:
The agenda was adopted as written
(Nicholas/Hale) M/S/P

Approval of the Minutes:
The minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting were approved as amended
(Pillado/Martinez) M/S/P

Public Speakers:
Farzaneh Saddigh, Chair of Math and Technology at L.A. Harbor College, expressed concern about re-organization of academic departments described as done unilaterally by the college president and outside of the shared governance process. She detailed the various changes made at Harbor, and shared further concerns about any ramifications these changes would have on evaluations, program review, Guided Pathways, Program Mapper, and student enrollment. Saddigh stated that concerns about these actions are proceeding through the union grievance process, but also recommended that the District Academic Senate (DAS) should take a stand on the grounds of retaining academic integrity. Wendy Hoffman, Business faculty member at Harbor, stated that she had been pressured into archiving courses and programs. She stated that Harbor’s senate had acted but had been overruled by President Dorado.

**Action Items**

1. **DAS Calendar 2022-2023**  
   (J. Hernandez/Hale) M/S/P

   Echeverri announced that there would be a DAS/LACCD summit on September 30, 2022.

2. **Resolution on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Curriculum**  
   (Nicholas/J. Hernandez) M/S/P

   J. Hernandez spoke in favor of the resolution, referencing positions taken by the ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges), as well as changes to Title 5, to require Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism in curriculum. All faculty, not just curriculum chairs and senates, are being requested to use DEIAA in curriculum. The resolution requests the ASCCC for a series of visits to local senates. This resolution is not intended to direct local senates or place an undue burden on them, but, rather, as a means of informing the LACCD administration so that there can be institutional support for these curricular efforts to advance DEI.

3. **Effective the 23-24 academic year, the office of Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness (EPIE) will produce the Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Procedure (AP) content appropriate for inclusion in the 9 college catalogs to ensure accuracy and consistency in our publications, and to ensure compliance with ACCJC Standards and eligibility requirements.** (Approved by DCC 9-12-22)  
   (Pillado/J. Hernandez) M/S/P

   Atonto reported that eLumen is now “live.” This software also contains catalog modules, and gives the colleges the opportunity for consistency. A task force is working with Daniel Keller, LACCD Dean of Educational Support Services.
4. At the next available LACCD Board Meeting agendize the Associate of Arts for Transfer Communication Studies 2.0 for adoption at the nine LACCD colleges (from DCC) M/S/P

Atondo noted that this is a recent update to the Communications Studies Associate Degree for Transfer (AD-T). The request to place it on the agenda of the LACCD Board of Trustees meeting makes it easier for the colleges to adopt this degree as they do not have to submit it separately, nor must they individually deactivate their initial Communications Studies AD-Ts. This new degree does not impact catalog rights for our students.

5. Approve Update to AP 4225-Repetition of Courses Not Designated as Repeatable (J. Hernandez/Freitas) M/S/P – as amended

MOTION: Amend Section II as follows (added language underlined):

“...apportionment is not claimed for the fourth enrollment. Repeated enrollments may be completed at any of the LACCD colleges regardless of where the substandard grade was earned. When a student...

“A list of equivalent courses...remove a substandard grade. Students may petition to have their coursework reviewed to alleviate a substandard grade at any of the LACCD colleges regardless of which LACCD college the substandard course(s) to be alleviated was completed."

(Atondo/J. Hernandez) M/S/P

Stewart provided relevant context: https://www.asccc.org/content/effective-practices-support-transfer-students-who-repeat-courses-alleviate-substandard

Point of personal privilege: Observing that there were new members to DAS, Echeverri asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Noticed Items

1. Resolution on HyFlex Instructional Modality

Echeverri introduced the motion which the Senators discussed. Maddren received accolades for his leadership on this issue. The California Community College Curriculum Committee (5C) will discuss this modality, related apportionment issues, etc., and it is possible that some guidelines may come from the state in the future. Senators were urged to bring this issue to their local senates prior to DAS action in October.

2. Notice Approval of AP 5411 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices, and concurrently approved for notice at the September 8 DAS meeting the rescission of Administrative Regulation S-9 Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Office
Freitas noted that this AP (Administrative Procedure) is part of the ongoing conversion project – from Board Rules to Board Policies and from Administrative Regulations to Administrative Procedures. This particular AP is the former S-9 which was not included in the last series of reviews. There is nothing different in this AP from S-9 except for technical changes, such as references from BR to BP and AP. Freitas will follow up to see that this AP is taken to the Student Affairs Committee for consultation.

**Reports**

- **Officer Reports**

**President**

**LACCD Board of Trustees Report for Regular Meeting**
**August 3, 2022**

*DAS President Angela C. Echeverri*

The Board meeting was held at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in a hybrid format. Board President Gabriel Buelna called the meeting to order; five of the trustees were present in person (Buelna, Veres, Vela, Iino, and Student Trustee Callahan) and three attended remotely (Hoffman, Moreno, Henderson). The meeting agenda is posted on Board Docs Plus and a recording of the meeting is on YouTube.

**Reports from the Resource Table**

- **Dr. James McKeever**, AFT 1521 Faculty Guild President, thanked ELAC President Dr. Albert Roman and newly elected Chapter Chair Stuart Souki for hosting the Board meeting. He introduced his faculty colleague Dr. Shigero Julio Tsuha, a Sociology professor and former director of the Dolores Huerta Institute, thanking him for his dedication to Pierce students. He stated he was one of many faculty loved their student and communities. He also spoke of the struggles and achievements of Emily Andrade, a former student and commencement speaker at Pierce who recently graduated with a degree in Sociology from UC Santa Barbara. He closed his remarks by welcoming Dr. Anthony Culpepper, the new president of Southwest College, stating this was a homecoming because he was a longtime community member and former student of the college. McKeever spoke of the LASW Community Coalition, made up of community organization as well as members of the faculty and staff unions. He stated that the campus was working to become a community hub, which could be a model for other colleges. He added that LASW currently had the highest increase in enrollment in the District as compared to last year. He concluded his remarks by wishing President Culpepper success in his role as the president of the college.

- **Dr. Angela Echeverri**, District Academic Senate (DAS) President, stated that as the District struggles to increase its enrollment after the COVID pandemic, it is important to recognize and address the growing educational problems and
disparities in the communities we serve. She mentioned a recent LA Times article, which reports that up to 20,000 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) students were not enrolled or stopped attending school last year. Many of these students are caring for younger siblings or working one to two jobs to make ends meet. LAUSD is also confronting a worsening daily attendance problem; data from March of 2022 indicates that more than half (200,000) of K-12 students were chronically absent during the last school year. She added that pandemic related learning loss is disproportionately impacting English learners, students of color, those with disabilities, students living in poverty, and the unhoused. The impending passage of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) will dramatically change the mission of California Community Colleges and make it extremely difficult to serve students who would benefit from pretransfer level math and English courses after the pandemic. Echeverri stated that unless colleges effectively push back against AB1705 and other misguided legislative intrusions into curriculum, they will continue to shrink and lose enrollment, while thousands of students will be disenfranchised from higher education. She concluded her remarks by expressing her hope that all constituents could work together to truly serve the educational needs of their communities during these challenging times.

- **Christzann Ozan**, SEIU Local 99 representative, repeated previously expressed concerns about abuse, bullying, and harassment of her members by custodial supervisors, district employees, and management. She gave several examples of alleged abuse and employee mistreatment at City and Trade Tech Colleges. Ozan stated employees had resigned due to the hostile and unprofessional work environment. She stressed that the District administration needs to stop ignoring the problems and get actively involved to find solutions. She added that unless these issues were adequately addressed by the District, it would continue to deal with grievances and pay to settle lawsuits. She argued the solution was to develop a policy to deal with nonsexual bullying and harassment in the workplace. She reiterated she had been reporting on these issues for a long time and asked whether it would take someone to get hurt in order for the Board to finally take action.

- **Dr. Deborah Harrington**, introduced herself as the new Teamsters acting president representing LACCD deans. She started in the LACCD in 1996 as a full-time English faculty member at Valley and has been serving as the District’s Dean of Student Success since 2007. She congratulated her predecessor, Mary Jo Apigo, who is transitioning into a new role as the interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pierce College. Harrington expressed sadness about the recent death of Vin Scully, the legendary Dodgers announcer. She concluded her remarks by stating her members looked forward to negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) before the current one expires in June. She affirmed her members deep commitment to student access, success, equity, and completion and recognized the productivity, proactivity, and flexibility of her members.
College President Reports

Buelna invited the college presidents to comment or highlight anything from the Chancellor's report.

- **East:** President Albert Roman announced that East was holding several key enrollment events during the month of August, designed to register and enroll students for the fall 2022 term. In response to a question from Trustee Buelna about recent enrollment trends, Roman replied that students at East historically tend to enroll late for the fall semester. He added that high-touch strategies such as calling targeted lists of students daily, leaving voice mails, and identifying barriers such as financial aid or counseling services, appear to be working. He expressed confidence the college would make significant gains in enrollment in the last three weeks before the start of the fall. He predicted that most of the colleges would probably reach or surpass last year's enrollment figures. Roman reported that the average class size for in-person classes was significantly higher than last year and that hybrid/online classes were doing well. He added that while dual enrollment and public service academy numbers were higher than in Spring 2019, there was still significant work to do in the next weeks.

- **Harbor:** President Luis Dorado reported on efforts to increase enrollment with early decision onboarding events to help students register for the fall. He stated that students are requesting more in-person classes. He extended an invitation to attend Harbor's Transfer event scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, followed by Harbor Palooza. The college is hosting a LAUSD South Area College Fair on September 10 and on that same day their high school on campus will be celebrating 20 years. He invited all to participate in a 5 K Reggie Run for Education hosted by Harbor in October.

- **Pierce:** Interim President Ara Aguiar reported on a new job readiness noncredit program at her college, called *Careers for a Cause*. The 6-week program has 50 student participants who have experienced homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence and/or have been justice involved. In addition to taking classes, they are provided with housing assistance, food, Metro/gas cards, laptops, job placement, weekly stipends, career clothing, and other services. This program is a collaboration with several partners including Amity, the Pantry, and Dress for Success.

- **Southwest:** Dr. Anthony Culpepper reported SW was focused on making sure the community knows about their enrollment days; the college had already held two and will be holding two more in August. They also plan to visit local high schools and meet with administrators to encourage students to attend Southwest. He added SW was proud of the enrollment gains made so far and was planning for the Spring as the college continues to work on enrollment growth.

- **Valley:** President Barry Gribbons reported that Valley had three enrollment fairs planned in August and continues to ensure students are offered excellent services, both in person and online. Mission President Ornelas and Gribbons met with regional LAUSD schools and developed plans to help students complete the FAFSA, CCCApply, and enroll in the upcoming year. They are also working to extend those efforts to Burbank Unified. He announced Valley received another
$60,000 grant from the Hollywood Foreign Press and expressed his appreciation for their support.

- **Mission:** President Armida Ornelas reported that Mission continues to hold weekly enrollment events where students can receive assistance and wrap-around services. Like other colleges, Mission is gearing up for the Saturday August 13 enrollment event. That same day, Mission is also hosting a grand opening for the new Adult Education Center, which will provide students all services in one place, as well as a community resource fair with ~25 nonprofit agencies. Assemblywoman Luz Rivas will be holding a press conference to announce a $10 Million gift to the college. Ornelas also reported on a partnership with a consortium of charter schools (Partnerships to Uplift Communities) that primarily serves the Northeast San Fernando Valley to work on Adult Education, dual enrollment, senior activities, and other efforts.

- **City:** President Gallagher focused on community work at City, announcing the college had recently completed a 6-week Animation bootcamp for 40 LAUSD high school students. City also held Saturday enrollment fairs at the Korean Youth Community Center. In July the Navasartian Games and Festival returned to City, with 30,000 people over three days. She reported on an augmented virtual reality program with 50 faculty across disciplines; 1,100 students participated. The CA Student Aid Commission reached out to City because they had the highest number of students applying for additional resources. City will also hold an enrollment event on August 13.

- **West:** President James Limbaugh reported West is pulling out all the stops to shore up its enrollment, including a campaign to reach out to 1,500 students who did not return. They have also rearranged their outreach efforts with a new welcome center. Limbaugh thanked the Board, Chancellor, and Maria Veloz for their advocacy and support in securing funding for the Climate Change Education Center at West. He reported they were developing partnerships with the CSU/UC Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Project and exploring partnerships with Alta Sea.

- **Trade:** Newly appointed interim president Bob Miller thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the college and praised the dedicated faculty and staff who support, engage, and motivate its students. Over 400 students have registered for Trade’s upcoming open house, which will promote their nine pathways, Strong Workforce, LA College Promise, Umoja, Puente, CalWORKS, and several other programs. They also will hold two Roll in to Enroll events on August 18 and 25, as well as virtual application and registration workshops through the end of August. In June, three Trade Culinary students participated in the Skills USA National Championship competition in Atlanta where student Francisco Hernandez was awarded the silver medal in culinary arts. Miller announced Edison International has selected its 2022 Lineworker Scholarship recipients. Twelve aspiring lineworkers will receive $25,000 each for tuition, tools, and support services for their training at Trade. Edison launched this scholarship program in 2021 in collaboration with IBEW Local 47 to promote greater diversity among So Cal Edison lineworkers.
Public Comment
Several speakers were allotted 3 minutes to address the Board on items on the agenda. Board Secretary Guadalupe Ramirez indicated that six people had signed up to speak and two had submitted written comments. Benjamin Resnick, a lawyer representing Hackman Capital urged the Board to not take action on item X.9, to authorize Chancellor Rodriguez (or his designee) to enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Hudson Pacific Properties for a 67-year Joint Occupancy Lease of District-Owned Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City. Resnick stated that three of the four bidders (Lowe Enterprises, Lincoln Property, and Hackman Capital) had filed protests about the RFP (request for proposals) and claimed there were many problems with the process which he could not adequately address in three minutes. Resnick argued that the project was not accurately identified in the RFP, which described it as primarily an office development. However, the winning bidder (Hudson) submitted a project that was mostly (53%) studios, sound stages, and production facilities, not office space. Resnick stated that the approved project was never contemplated by the bidders and local communities. He decried the lack of transparency and the fact that there were no rankings in the staff recommendation report. He told the trustees they lacked enough information to exercise independent judgment to make the award based on the staff recommendation submitted.

Resnick’s concerns were echoed by other representatives of other bidders, who alleged several irregularities in the process. They asked the Board to restart the process or continue the vote until a thorough and satisfactory review of all the proposals was completed. Another speaker argued either the RFP description was inaccurate or the District changed its mind about the nature of the project and asked the District to allow bidders to submit proposals for the project the LACCD was now seeking. Jeffrey Cooper, the former mayor of Culver City from 2010-2018 also argued the process was not transparent. He stated that no analysis of the proposals was provided to the community. He asked the Board to rescind the recommendation and restart the selection with greater outreach and detail in the decision-making process. Board President Buelna noted that two other individuals (Nick Carrol and Council member Girron Erickson) had provided written comments on this matter.

Reports from the Board
Buelna indicated there were no standing committee reports for the month of July and that the next committee meetings would take place on August 17.

Resolutions
The Board voted to approve the following resolutions:
1. Item F.1: Resolution to Hold Via Teleconference, the Board’s Committee meetings on August 17 and Board meeting on September 17, 2022: The resolution was approved unanimously.
2. **Item F.2: Resolution on District Academic Employees Retirement:** The following retirees were recognized for their years of service: Craig Meyer (Pierce, 46 years), Arantzanzu Rodriguez (Valley, 24 years), Karen Daar (Valley, 22 years), Maggie Kendrick (Trade, 14 years), and Henri Feiner (West, 13 years).

3. **Item F.3: Resolution on District Classified Employees Retirement:** The following retirees were recognized by the Board: Linda Fox (Southwest, 19 years), Cheryl Morrison (City, 18 years), Carver Russaw (West, 7 years), and Michael Fuller (ESC, 5 years).

**Report from the Chancellor**

Chancellor Rodriguez’s monthly reports are [posted online](#). He highlighted the following items:

- **Update on COVID:** No masking mandate has been issued for LA County, but masks are still highly recommended. COVID testing is still available for employees at all colleges throughout the semester.
  - Monkeypox: Governor Newson has declared a state of emergency and district is monitoring situation closely

- **All-College Enrollment Fair and Open House on Saturday, August 13:** This is one of many activities planned to boost enrollment. Students who enroll full time will receive laptops, transit passes, and two years of free tuition. The fall semester begins on August 29, 2022.

- **Fall 2022 semester:** Fall course offerings are about 50% in person and 50% are online or hybrid. Enrollments in six of the nine LACCD colleges enrollments are over 100% of last year’s numbers. Three of the colleges are in the 90% range compared to 2021. Black student enrollment is up over 10%, Latino enrollment is up 3%, and male student enrollment has increased, while female enrollment has dropped. The under 20-year-old group is up over 20%, which is great news for College Promise students and enrollment of students over 55 is up 9%.

- **November 2022 Facilities Bond:** Last month the Board authorized a $5.3 Billion general obligation bond for the November 8, 2022 ballot to address infrastructure needs, replace pre-1970s buildings, invest in sustainability and technology, acquire real estate, improve housing, and build athletics facilities. The District will be engaged in an education campaign to inform the public of the bond provisions. If approved, this would be the fifth bond measure, after the 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2016 bonds were approved.

- **Special recognitions:** Chancellor Rodriguez recognized Dr. McKeever for receiving the statewide Hayward faculty award. He also recognized Trade Architecture professor Marcela Oliva, who was named Educator of the Year by the American Institute of Architects, LA for her work on how architecture can lead to social change. Vice Chancellor Rueben Smith was also recognized by the Asian American Architects and Engineers for his leadership in the bond program.

Trustee Moreno asked Chancellor Rodriguez asked how many students were expected to attend in-person classes in the future. Rodriguez replied that before the pandemic ~19% of classes were offered online, but in the fall of 2022 about 50% of
classes are scheduled to be online. Rodriguez argued that didn’t mean there would be 50% fewer students coming to the colleges as many students use the facilities for other purposes (student services, counseling, library, fitness centers, and tutoring).

Consent Calendar
The Board approved the consent calendar items I1 through V8 (except item O13). The Board was informed that the California Education Code allows for the student trustee to be recognized as a full member of the Board for the purpose of pulling an item from the agenda. At the request of the student trustee, the Board voted to pull item O13 (License Agreement with Cleared4, Inc. to extend the subscription service verification platform to monitor and manage COVID-19 related safety and compliance). Deputy Chancellor Nish explained that Cleared4 will be the repository for employee vaccination and daily check-in records, adding that Board Policy the District keep these records. After a discussion of the agreement, the Board voted to approve the agreement.

Facilities Items
The Board approved facilities items X1-X9, excluding X6 and X9.

Facilities Item X6: Authorize agreements with firms to provide College Project Leadership Team services from September 1, 2022 for a period of three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options through August 31, 2027 at a cost not-to-exceed $61,036,20.

- Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that over the last two years they have discussed whether to keep MATOC (Multiple Award Task Order Contract) or transition to another system; last year a hybrid model was proposed. They are now making a recommendation on nine firms to oversee construction management work at the campuses.

- Vote: After a discussion, the agreement was approved unanimously.

Facilities Item X9: Determine that Hudson Pacific Properties is the Successful Proposer with Respect to Request For Proposals RFP for a Joint Occupancy Ground Lease of the District-Owned Real Property Located at 10100 Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City, and Authorize the Chancellor or his Designee to Enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Hudson Pacific Properties

- Vice Chancellor Smith gave a presentation in which he explained that the proposed developed is for 13.7 acres of District owned property. The staff recommendation is from a seven-person evaluation panel consisting of District staff and outside experts that performed a review of each proposal. Smith noted that this item was withdrawn for consideration twice, in June and July of 2022.

- Trustee Moreno brought up the concerns brought up by the other bidders and asked whether there was any validity to their claims. Chancellor Rodriguez asked Kevin Randolph to address Moreno’s concerns. Randolph replied that the Hudson Pacific project was indeed primarily an office project, which did not seem to convince Moreno.
• **Public Comment:** The Board allowed an additional 3-minute comment period for Benjamin Resnick, a lawyer representing one of the bidders, who rebutted Kevin Randolph’s assertion Hudson’s proposal was primarily an office project.

• **Vote:** After a lengthy discussion, the exclusive negotiating agreement was approved with Trustee Moreno voting against approval.

**Administrative Contracts**
The Board voted to approve employment contracts for:

- Interim President Robert Miller (Trade) August 1, 2022 through August 30, 2022
- Interim President Kathleen Burke (Trade) August 31, 2022 through December 31, 2022

**Academic Travel**
The Board vote to approve travel expenses for an additional five (5) faculty and staff from LACCD will travel to Ghana in collaboration with A2MEND, to participate in the All-African Diaspora Education Summit held at the University of Cape Coast, September 19th -24th, 2022. Anticipated travel dates are September 18th – 25th, 2022.

**Recommendations from the Chancellor**
The Board voted to approve Interim Vice Chancellor Katrina VanderWoude as the official LACCD representative to Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC), replacing Interim Vice Chancellor Nicole Albo-Lopez who previously served in this role until August 3, 2022.

**Public Comment**
Since there were no additional public comments, the Board recessed to closed session.

**Personal Note**
The Board’s approval of the exclusive negotiating agreement (ENA) for a 66-year lease with Hudson Pacific over the vocal protests of other bidders and members of the public raises the possibility that the District may face future legal challenges or community pushback on this front. Trustee Moreno did not vote in support of the ENA, citing concerns expressed by several of the public speakers. Regardless of whether the RFP process was flawed or not, the approval of a project of such an enormous consequence should have been undertaken with greater transparency to reassure the public and bidders alike.

On the legislative front, the likely approval of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) is a major concern for faculty organizations throughout the state as most of their proposed amendments were rejected. As I have argued consistently, the elimination of most pretransfer math and English classes and other curricular intrusions will disenfranchise thousands of students who have experienced an unprecedented period of learning loss during the pandemic and result in additional enrollment...
losses to the system. The District’s loss of about one-third of its enrollment since the
start of the pandemic and AB 705 implementation, will present major challenges to
all of our colleges for years to come. Due to the recent influx of HEERF funds and the
hold harmless provision (which is scheduled to end in 2025), the colleges are not
yet feeling the pain normally associated with enrollment losses of such magnitude.
The meeting agenda is posted on Board Docs Plus and a recording of the meeting is
on YouTube.
As part of her oral report at today’s meeting, Echeverri referenced her written August
Board Report, and summarized the September 7, 2022 meeting of the LACCD Board of
Trustees. The trustees continue to meet in a hybrid format; this approach seems to
work fairly well except for the audio quality in the teleconference. New leaders at
several of the colleges were introduced, at the Board meeting, including AFT (American
Federation of Teachers) Faculty Guild President, James McKeever, Interim Vice
Chancellor of EPIE (Educational Programs and Institutional Effectiveness) Nicole Albo-
Lopez, Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Shairon Zingsheim, and Vice
Chancellor of Workforce Katrina VanderWoude. There was ongoing concern at the
Board meeting about a proposed development of a District-owned parcel on Jefferson
Boulevard, adjoining the campus of West L. A. College, owing to the length of the lease
(67 years) and the exclusive nature of the negotiations (see details above).

Both houses of the California state legislature passed AB 1705. This legislation has been
a major concern for faculty organizations statewide, as it would eliminate most
pretransfer English and Math courses. Also of concern is legislative intrusion in
curriculum, especially in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, and Mathematics), CTE
(Career Technical Education), and Non-Credit, as well as the disenfranchisement of
students. There has been documented learning loss among K-12 students (kindergarten
through 12th grade) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic – the largest drop since those
scores have been measured. Moreover, such learning losses have not been equitable,
with the greatest losses among African-American and Latinx students. By removing the
option of taking courses, especially classes in English and Math which are below
transfer-level, the combination of AB 705 and 1705 have the ultimate potential of
changing the mission of the California Community Colleges (CCC) and of hurting
district enrollment. District enrollment is stabilizing, but still down from 2019. For the
moment, budgetary negative consequences are mitigated since the state budget has a
hold harmless provision for CCC allocations until 2025, and there is additional funding
through HEERF (High Education Emergency Relief Fund). However, if enrollment does
not expand, the LACCD is in danger of rebasing.

There are plans for a joint DAS/LACCD summit on September 30, 2022. That would be
the first since the pandemic. It will likely be a half-day in the morning and be held
virtually. Chancellor Rodriguez will participate. Echeverri will send out a save the date
announcement.
1st Vice President

District Discipline Day

Equivalency

Project MATCH

DAS 1st VP Report for DAS meeting on September 8, 2022 (Anna Nicholas)

I am happy to report that the language on the District website
https://www.laccd.edu/Employment/Pages/Academic-Jobs.aspx has been changed
to reflect the wording proposed in the Equivalency Committee’s resolution passed
on May 9, and then amended and approved by the DAS Executive Committee on June
3rd.

I am also happy to report that AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum
Qualifications, and Equivalencies has been adopted on July 12, 2022, and posted to
BoardDocs.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to these two positive outcomes.

The first Equivalency Committee meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year is on
Monday, 9/12/22 from 2 to 4 pm on Zoom.

2nd Vice President

AB 928 and AB 111 Updates

DCC
eLumen

Atondo reported that the District Curriculum Committee (DCC) will meet on September
9, 2022, where there should be updates on graduation requirements, curriculum
development, and eLumen.

Treasurer

Miller reported that senate funds to the colleges have been released. The possibility of
managing DAS funds through the LACCD Foundation is being explored.

Secretary

Brent reported that work continues on the website migration project and making sure
that public-facing information continues as such. Senate presidents are requested to
advise regarding changes to college representation to the DAS.

Parliamentarian
Freitas reported that the Board Rules re-alignment project continues. It is anticipated that chapter 9 APs will be completed in the spring semester. There is a DAS constitution and bylaws committee which will review the documents to see what needs to be updated.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Administrator Retreat Rights
  Nicholas reported that the work group will meet in the next two weeks. A big issue has been turnover in the LACCD Human Resources division.

- Professional Development College
  Brent reported that the Professional Development College (PDC) had an excellent seminar on Robert’s Rules and the Brown Act at the end of the spring semester. This summer, there was a successful roundtable discussion on AB 1705, with panelists representing FACCC (Faculty Association of California Community Colleges), the ASCCC, the AFT, and DAS. The PDC also hosted a presentation from Harbor faculty member Dr. Azeeb Bhusis on stress and wellbeing. The PDC continues its collaboration with the Sustainable Environment Institute (SEI), with seminars over the summer and throughout the fall. Registration and FLEX credit are through the Vision Resource Center and recordings are available through the VRC; SEI recordings are also on their website. Brent also referenced other PDC areas for 2022-2023.

- Sustainable Environment Institute
  Leddy detailed upcoming seminars, including Climate Politics (September 22nd), Aridity (October 20th), and Mental Health and Climate Anxiety (November 10th). Abels reported on an excellent discussion at the Heat seminar (August 18th) with Jason Finley from Pierce, and Marta Segura, the Chief Heat Officer of the City of Los Angeles. The Sustainable Environment Institute will begin a community of practice to help faculty embed sustainability throughout the curriculum.

- Online Education and Academic Technology – no report

- District Budget (DBC)
  Echeverri reported that the LACCD adopted its final budget at the September 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Approximately 50% of instruction is online, and continued online and hybrid course offerings are anticipated. In student services, counseling faculty have expressed their safety concerns in
public comment at Board meetings (small offices, poor ventilation, and crowding).

- District Planning – no report
- Guided Pathways – no report
- Others

Discussion Items

1. Planning for 2022-2023:

- ASCCC Events
- LACCD Events: Joint Summit, Professional Development College, Sustainable Environment Institute, and Request for Technical Assistance-Collegiality in Action Visit

Stewart announced that the ASCCC Area C meeting will be October 15, 2022. The dates for the 2022 Fall Plenary Session are November 3-5, 2022. This event will be in a hybrid format, with the in-person component in Sacramento. Stewart is currently chairing or sitting on a number of ASCCC-related committees. Echeverri noted that, typically, the DAS pays for one delegate from each college; more might be possible if the budget permits. The joint DAS/LACCD Summit will be on September 30, 2022, and will held virtually from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She shared a tentative agenda.

Stewart provided the following links to upcoming ASCCC events and webinars:
- [https://www.asccc.org/events/2022-fall-plenary-session-hybrid-event](https://www.asccc.org/events/2022-fall-plenary-session-hybrid-event)
- [https://www.asccc.org/events/general-education-locally-and-transfer-ab-928](https://www.asccc.org/events/general-education-locally-and-transfer-ab-928)
- [https://www.asccc.org/events/role-local-academic-senates-and-curriculum-committees-regard-general-education](https://www.asccc.org/events/role-local-academic-senates-and-curriculum-committees-regard-general-education)

Echeverri will seek an update on how the LACCD is using Equal Employment Opportunity and Guided Pathways funds; this will be placed on the consultation agenda. The technical assistance/collegiality in action visit has been rescheduled for October 21, 2022.

2. COVID-19 Update:

- Vaccination, Testing, and Mask Mandates
- Brown Act Meeting Requirements
- Instructional Delivery
- Other Items

Echeverri reported that students no longer have to be vaccinated, although employees must be fully vaccinated. Masking is not required; testing remains available at the colleges and at the Educational Services Center (ESC), a.k.a., the district office.
Continuing our DAS meetings remotely is both sustainable and encourages participation.

As long as we have a state of emergency, we can continue to meet via teleconferencing. If we begin to meet in person, we will try to have central venues. Freitas observed that the current Brown Act can permit us to meet via teleconference if the colleges have a central site where its DAS representatives are located for the meeting. J. Hernandez included the following information on AB 2449 regarding open meetings and teleconferencing:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449

Echeverri also noted that there is no official designation of HyFlex courses in schedules of classes as that issue related to wages, hours, and working conditions is currently being negotiated between the faculty union (AFT 1521 Faculty Guild) and the LACCD Administration.

3. AP 2510: Participation in Local Decision Making

4. AB 705 and 1705 Update:

- Update on AB 1705 and Amendments
- Impact on CTE, STEM, and Noncredit
- Impact of Learning Disruption due to COVID-19
- AB 705 Task Force Requests from English, Math, ESL Faculty
- Problems Using One Year Throughput Rates as Sole Metric in Validation Process
- Course Success Rates and Equity Gaps
- Pierce Math Program Pilot
- Other Recommendations

Echeverri reported that amendments proposed by the ASCCC and by FACCC to AB 1705 were rejected by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, the proponent of the legislation. Instead, there were new amendments affecting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) majors, Career-Technical Education (CTE), and Non-Credit classes. In this respect, the California Legislature is micromanaging curriculum. J. Hernandez included the following article relevant to AB 1705:


Tchertchian co-chairs the LACCD AB 705 task force, and suggested that we need to offer the courses which the students want and need, not what is legislated to them. More legislative overreach is being seen in the transfer paths, as recent amendments to AB 1705 include curricular changes in STEM. Citing the 50% Law, i.e., that 50% of funding
must be spent on instruction, Tchertchian posited that by cutting sections, we are approaching a violation of 50% law. https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/College-Finance-and-Facilities-Planning/Fiscal-Standards-and-Accountability-Unit/Fifty-Percent-Law

**MOTION: Extend the meeting by 10 minutes**

(J. Hernandez/Nicholas) **M/S/P**

**No:** Montes, Sparks-Jamal, Zuk

J. Hernandez anticipates long-term effects in the community, and recommended that the DAS needs to develop greater communication with members of the Board of Trustees and with legislators. One way to do that is to reframe the conversation and reshape the focus. If the intent is greater student success, then, as faculty, we can embrace that narrative as we bring credibility when we speak about our students. Echeverri thanked both Brown and J. Hernandez for serving on the ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy Committee.

5. Legislative Update:

- **AB 928:** Student Transfer and Achievement Reform Act of 2021
- **AB 1111:** Common Course Numbering
- **Proposed Legislation**

6. Update on Joining California Virtual College-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI)

Echeverri reported that all LACCD colleges have now agreed to join so that we may join as a district.

**Future Dates and Upcoming Events:**

**LACCD Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – Hybrid

**District Curriculum Committee:** Friday, September 9, 2022, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Zoom

**District Budget Committee:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022

**DAS Consultation Meeting:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – Zoom

**LACCD Board Standing Committees:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – Hybrid

**DAS Executive Committee:** Friday, October 7, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. – Zoom

**DAS Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 - 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Zoom

**ASCCC Fall Plenary:** November 3-5, 2022 – Hybrid

**Adjournment**

(J. Hernandez/Anderson) **M/S/P**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lourdes M. Brent, DAS Secretary