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CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY MEETING

MINUTES
October 1, 2013

PLACE

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, 7600 Dublin Blvd., 3rd Floor, Dublin, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Trustee Dr. Mitzman. Recording Secretary Beverly Bailey called the roll. Trustee Dr. Cedillo and Trustee Dr. Gin were absent and excused at the time of roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments offered at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to a Closed Session at 5:31 p.m., which ended at 6:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board readjourned to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. by Trustee Dr. Mitzman. Recording Secretary Beverly Bailey called the roll. Trustees Cedillo and Gin were absent and excused at the time of roll; Student Trustee Pinto was absent. Trustee Dr. Mitzman reported that Trustee Cedillo was attending a conference and Trustee Gin was ill.

It was reported that Trustee Dr. Mitzman will act as Board President in the absence of Dr. Cedillo.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

- Trustee Mrs. Isobel F. Dvorsky
- Trustee Mr. Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles
- Trustee Dr. Barbara F. Mertes
- Trustee Dr. Marshall Mitzman

Trustee Mr. Carlo Vecchiarelli
Student Trustee Ms. Cherry-Ronaele Bogue

Members Absent: Trustee Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo (Excused)
Trustee Dr. Hal G. Gin (Excused)
Student Trustee Mr. Ricardo Pinto Filho

Recording Secretary: Ms. Beverly Bailey

Managers Present: Dr. Jannett N. Jackson, Chancellor
Dr. Susan Sperling, President, Chabot College
Dr. Janice Noble, Interim President, Las Positas College
Mr. Wyman Fong
Mr. Jeffrey Kingston
Mr. Matthew Kritscher
Mr. Lorenzo Legaspi
Ms. Jeannine Methe
Ms. Diana Rodriguez
Ms. Tram Vo-Kumamoto

Others Present: Ms. Jane Church, Chabot College
Ms. Kathy Kelley, President, Chabot College Faculty Senate
Mr. Christopher Southorn, President, Las Positas College
Associated Students
Ms. Rachel Ugale, District Services

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Trustee Vecchiarelli led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments offered at this meeting.

PRESENTATION: STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION (SB 1456); TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT REFORM BILL (SB 1440)

Mr. Jeffrey Kingston provided a PowerPoint Presentation overview of the Student Success Initiative Implementation Legislation (SB 1456) as follows:

- History of Student Success Act of 2012;
- Planning and Implementation Timeline;

- Scorecard (previously ARC);
- Transfer Degrees (previously Matriculation).

Mr. Kingston also reported that SB 1440 is the Implementation of the Transfer Degrees, a subset of the Student Success Initiative. He reported that the Colleges will provide an update on their progress with the Transfer Degrees.

Mr. Kingston reported that SB 1456 was the advent of a Task Force of the Board of Governors as a means to implement their strategic plan. The Senate Bill brought changes to the Education Code and Title 5. He reported that revised Board Policies in the areas of Academics and Student Services will be coming to the Board over the next couple of months as a result of these changes. They are currently under review of the Academic Senates.

Mr. Kingston reported that additional presentation topics on the Student Success Act will be provided for the Board. He reported that it is a massive law change, with 8 recommendations from the Board of Governors, and 22 specific items of implementation, which are then being put into law, including Student Orientation, Assessment, Educational Plans, Student Follow-up, and Student Equity.

Trustee Dr. Mertes questioned if the Educational Plan requirement only applied to those students that are transferring. Mr. Kingston reported that all students must meet the requirement, including Basic Skills. Trustee Dr. Mertes noted the expense and tremendous burden put on faculty by the requirements. Mr. Kingston also noted the impact to Student Services.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Mitzman, Mr. Kingston reported that a student merely taking one vocational class, i.e. welding, must also have an Educational Plan. He reported that the Board of Governors was aiming to “create transformational change and to refocus the system, the system’s efforts and resources.” He reported that it will be a challenge to implement these changes and continue to protect the College culture.

Mr. Kingston reported that in 2013-14 base funding (based on FTES) will be provided; and in 2014-15 and 2015-16 funding will be shifted to performance-based funding (for basic skills).

Dr. Janice Noble, Interim President, Las Positas College, and Ms. Jane Church, Articulation Officer, Chabot College, provided updates on the colleges’ progress of Transfer Degrees as required by SB 1440 (to CSU).

Dr. Janice Noble reported that Las Positas College has 8 approved AA-T /AS-T Degrees (Early Childhood Development, English, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Philosophy,

Psychology, Sociology) and 8 proposed degrees (Anthropology, Communication Studies, History, Journalism, Kinesiology, Music, Studio Arts, Theater Arts). She reported that Las Positas College is on track to reach 100% completion goal by Fall 2014.

Ms. Jane Church reported that Chabot College has 14 active AA-T/AS-T Degrees (Administration of Justice, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Early Childhood Education, Geography, Journalism, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Theater Arts, Sociology, Studio Arts) and 6 proposed degrees (Anthropology, Computer Science, English, Liberal Studies: Elementary Education, Spanish). She reported that Chabot College is one of thirteen colleges that have met the Transfer Degree goal for 2013. She reported that Chabot College is on track to reach 100% completion goal by Fall 2014; and on track for 100% C-ID approval rate for each Transfer Degree.

Ms. Church was pleased to report that approximately 140 Transfer Degrees have been awarded at Chabot College. She questioned if it is working at the CSUs; noting that in the Spring many of the CSUs are not admitting students for transfer. Those that are admitting for Spring are only admitting students that have a Transfer Degree from a community college.

Mr. Kingston noted that the work involved with Transfer Degrees really matter to students. He recognized the work of the faculty at the Colleges in meeting the requirements of the Transfer Degree approval process.

Trustee Mrs. Dvorsky, as well as other Trustees, raised important questions about the larger State agenda, and to what degree it alters the community colleges' mission under the Master Plan.

Trustee Mrs. Dvorsky noted that the Federal Government is also trying to get community colleges to get students through the system faster. She questioned the impact to students if CSU doesn't have room for transferring students. Dr. Jackson reported that the District's biggest feeder is California State University East Bay, and they have made a commitment that any student that applies with an AA Transfer Degree will be accepted. She reported that the District is looking at getting the same commitment from other institutions.

Trustee Mr. Gelles expressed that he believes this is good legislation, as it brings order. He questioned the Presidents on their views.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Mertes, Ms. Church explained that the state developed templates for transfer model curriculum (TMC) through a coordination of CSU faculty and community college faculty by discipline. She also reported that there now is a statewide course identification numbering system (C-ID). Mr. Kingston reported that this

legislation limits flexibility between Colleges. He reported that the Degree is accepted; individual courses do not require acceptance.

Trustee Mr. Vecchiarelli expressed concern regarding the cost associated with this legislation and questioned the percentage of the monies coming from Sacramento. Mr. Kingston reported that the District will have to monitor this and will be able to answer after a few cycles.

Dr. Sperling expressed her pride of the Chabot College Faculty and particularly Ms. Jane Church. She also expressed that she shares the concerns expressed by Trustees Dvorsky and Vecchiarelli regarding the costs to the Colleges associated with implementing the legislation. She questioned the college's ability for finding the resources to meet the needs of the vast number of students coming to Chabot College with significant Basic Skills needs.

Mr. Chris Southorn questioned the Transfer Degrees for Science and Math high unit degrees. Dr. Janice Noble responded that not all disciplines will have Transfer Degrees due to the number of courses required for preparation that require more than 60 units.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Dr. Mitzman, Dr. Noble reported that Certificates, as well as Degrees, that existed before Transfer Degrees will continue to be offered. They are not deactivated.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Dr. Mitzman regarding the interpretation of the law's wording "local" California State University, Ms. Church reported that students with low GPAs would not have enough to be competitive to get into high demand schools, i.e. California State University, San Diego; California State University, Pomona, etc.

In response to a question raised by Trustee Dr. Mitzman regarding the similarity of the Transfer Degree curriculum at the District's two colleges, Ms. Church reported that the courses that have the state CI-D identifier are deemed comparable and equivalent.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Dr. Mitzman reported that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged the wearing of pink to honor those affected by breast cancer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 1


Trustee Dr. Mitzman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mr. Vecchiarelli, to adjourn the Study Meeting at 7:29 p.m. in honor of the passing of Chabot College Faculty Emeritus Kinmont Hoitsma.

Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for October 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Chabot College.

Minutes prepared by:


Beverly Bailey
Recording Secretary


Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District