

Mr. President and Members of the Board, thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss your Closed Session. I am hopeful you might consider discussing with legal counsel your decision last October to delegate to Chancellor Baron all aspects of the District's participation in the upcoming FCC Incentive Auction. In doing so I believe the Board of Trustees unwittingly gave up its right and obligation as a public body to publicly discuss, deliberate, debate, and decide an issue of great public importance: that issue of course is Chancellor Baron's decision to relinquish KVCR's license or otherwise accept prices to sell off to the highest bidder, portions of KVCR's bandwidth.

For nearly six months now you have been advised by your Chancellor and your Maryland lawyers that the District is prevented from "answering any questions about how KVCR might participate in that auction." Accordingly, you have not been able to publicly discuss, deliberate or debate the Incentive Auction. In fact, under the requirements of the Brown Act, none of you have been able to serially or collectively discuss or deliberate such issues as, the value of KVCR's license, the consequences of your Chancellor accepting a minimum opening bid to relinquish KVCR's license or move down KVCR's bandwidth, or for that matter, the consequences of repacking all or any parts of KVCR's broadcast rights, should Chancellor Baron reject new prices for KVCR. In doing so, I believe, you have been incorrectly persuaded by Chancellor Baron and your Maryland lawyers that the FCC's rules require you to hear nothing, speak nothing, and of course, decide nothing about the District's participation in the Incentive Auction.

It is simply not correct that FCC rules prohibit you from discussing publicly all aspects of what KVCR may or may not

be contemplating. Unfortunately you have appropriated more than half a million dollars in public monies to pay lawyers to give you that advice. That advice, by the way, simply amounts to telling your constituents that the Federal Government has enacted a gag rule that trumps all of California's "sunshine laws" including the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. I would be happy to suggest to you a variety of different public discussions that would avoid the Federal gag rule on revealing bids or bidding strategies.

I would like to respectfully suggest that you ask your lawyers a different question: **How can this Board discuss the policy ramifications of the District's participation in the Incentive Auction in a manner that would permit us as elected officials to fulfill our legal obligations to do the public's business openly and publicly?** I know some of you on this Board of Trustees and I cannot recall any of you being shy about asking your lawyers to find a way to legally do the public's business.

When public officials leave the room and delegate their decision making authority, it can be an exit of no return. As your lawyers told you last June, Chancellor Baron "must" accept a "Minimum Opening Bid" in the Auction including an option to possibly take KVCR off the air. Subsequently, Chancellor Baron will have options to accept a new price, reject the price (and get KVCR "repacked") or accept a price at a lower price by giving up KVCR's bandwidth. Mr. President and Members of the Board, it must have been difficult to have been advised that

you had to take yourself out of the room with respect to these issues.

My wife and I recently had the chance to attend the musical Hamilton in New York City. I would recommend that you ask Chancellor Baron to play for you the fifth song in Act II, “The Room Where it Happens.” Much like the character Aaron Burr who sings that song, you have taken yourself out of the room regarding this decision. I would remind you that in the musical, it was Alexander Hamilton who kept Aaron Burr out of that room when some very important decisions about the future United States of America were made.

With all due respect, Mr. Baron is a very capable public administrator, but he is no Alexander Hamilton. No matter how well intended his recommendation to you to delegate all decisions about participating in this auction to him, you need to reopen that door. Mr. President and Members of the Board, knock down that closed door, discuss and deliberate your decision to participate in the Incentive Auction, and get back in the room. Thank you!

Resolution S09.02 Need for Full-Time Faculty

Whereas, full-time faculty play an indispensable role in the successful operation of the college and are charged with many crucial responsibilities including planning and program review; curriculum design and program improvement; attention to issues of student retention, persistence and success; and student learning outcomes assessment activities as mandated by accreditation;

Whereas, FTES has increased at Crafton Hills College 22 percent over the last three years, yet the number of full-time faculty has remained largely unchanged while during the same period, the number of management positions at the college has nearly doubled;

Whereas, despite the fact that the district is in compliance with its full-time faculty obligation number, the district and the college have failed to move closer to the goal of the 75/25 ratio mandated by AB 1725;

Whereas, the percentage of sections taught by full-time faculty in 2007-2008 was 44.5 percent, with faculty retirements and a failure to replace most of these positions further eroding the percentage of classes taught by full-time faculty both at the college and in the district as a whole;

Whereas, the lack of full-time faculty has had negative impacts on the college, including challenges in meeting accreditation requirements, neglect of disciplines without a fulltime faculty member, and decreased morale amongst an already overworked faculty;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Crafton Hills College reaffirm the need for hiring new full-time faculty members in order to meet the needs of the college and its students; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Crafton Hills College urge that even during this current budget crisis, college and district administration critically prioritize available resources toward the goal of increasing full-time faculty staffing levels at the college.

Crafton Hills College Data

Year	Part-time	Full-time	Total	75/25 Ratio (FT/PT)
2011-2012	110.02	98.56	208.58	47/53
2012-2013	105.14	103.05	208.19	49/51
2013-2014	137.31	103.56	240.87	43/57
2014-2015	159.81	100.18	259.99	39/61
2015-2016	173.08	97.85	270.93	36/64