



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes (chair)
Trustee John Longville
Trustee Anne Viricel

Guests Present:

SBCCD Trustee Stephanie Houston
SBCCD Trustee Gloria Harrison
HACU Dr. Lena Rodriguez
HACU Erica Romero

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Interim Chancellor
Kevin Horan, President Crafton Hills College
Diana Rodriguez, President San Bernardino Valley College
Kristina Hannon, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Police Services
Angel Rodriguez, Sr. District Director Marketing, Public Affairs, & Government Relations
Heather Ford, Executive Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

The following text was read and all votes were taken by roll call.

Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020. Portions of these orders relax parts of the Brown Act. In part, the orders allow elected officials to "attend" a meeting via teleconference WITHOUT having to admit members of the public into the location from which they are participating (N-25-20) and orders that "such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment" (N-29-20).

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Public comments will take place at the time designated at the meeting for public comment. Comments must be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic if there is more than one speaker.

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I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Frank Reyes called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2021-02-11 BLC minutes

Trustee John Longville moved to approve the 2021-02-11 BLC minutes. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel, Longville

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. CURRENT ISSUES UPDATE

A. Public Policy Presentation By HACU - Dr. Lena Rodriguez and Erica Romero

B. State and Federal Advocacy Update

A. Rodriguez reviewed SBCCD and RCCD joint advocacy efforts. This included six meetings with our local legislative delegation advocating for the Board approved legislative priorities. Some of those items were financially aid, Pell Grant reform, and making sure that the Cal Grant dollars are equally distributed.

Proposition 63 - we want to make sure that funding from that proposition is coming to our colleges. Addressing the mental health services and needs of our students, especially as they recover from the pandemic. Food and housing is a top priority.

Emergency Financial Relief to support community College students - \$100 million for emergency relief grants dedicated specifically for community college students. Part of that money will also go to bolstering our outreach and enrollment.

CalFresh Student Outreach and Application Assistance – connecting students to county services, that they know how to apply, and avoid any stigma.

SBCCD is tracking about 25 bills - 14 of which we fully support based on legislative principles. Examples:

- AB75 – Facility upgrades. Removed CalState and UC from this bond proposition.
- AB102 – Dual Enrollment. Remove sunset on CCAP partnerships making the program permanent.
- AB417 – Funding for Rising Scholars Network. Justice-Involved Students.
- AB469 – HS Graduation Requirement. Financial Aid Application. 12th grade students required to submit FAFSA and CADAA.
- AB927 – Community College Baccalaureate Degree
- AB1106- Employment Training Panel Pilot. EPT to establish a pilot program to service the employment training needs of small businesses.
- AB1456 – Reform Cal Grant. Giving more students more money at the community college level. Addresses all cost associated with going to college.
- SB1377 – Student Tracking

- SB228 – Foster Youth
- SB45 – Funding for Fire Training Programs. \$4 billion bond for wildfire prevention on 2022 ballot. \$5 million of those funds would go to community colleges for related workforce development.

There was discussion regarding the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center (JPA) and the vital role it holds regionally and internationally. It is important it has SBCCD's support.

Community Project Funding (CPF) A. Rodriguez reported federally speaking, earmarks are back. Local congress members are asking the community for projects that they can ask the federal government for. They are going to submit only 10 projects per congressional district. SBCCD is submitting funding request for the CHC fire training tower (federal matching funds) and the applied tech building.

V. ACTION AGENDA

none

IV. FUTURE TOPICS

none

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:

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May 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor