



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023

San Bernardino Valley College

701 S. Mount Vernon, B-112, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes

Trustee Anne Viricel

Trustee John Longville (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)

Guests Present:

Student Trustee Robert Alexander

Staff Present:

Diana Z. Rodriguez, Chancellor

Nohemy Ornelas, Vice Chancellor Educational & Student Support Services

Kristina Hannon, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Police Services

Heather Ford, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

Ynez Canela, Associate Director Legislative & Community Relations

I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Frank Reyes called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2022-12-23 Board Legislative Committee Minutes

Trustee Viricel moved to approve the 2022-12-23 Board Legislative Committee minutes. Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Viricel, Reyes

NOES: None

ABSENT: Longville

ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. ADVOCACY UPDATE

Presentation by Ynez Canela.

A. **Community College League of California Annual Legislative Conference**

Members of the Board of Trustees, Campus Leadership, and the members of the Chancellor's Cabinet met with five legislative offices to advocate for eliminating barriers to accessing CalFresh food benefits, building student housing, ongoing funding for FNX, and more local news & diverse voices.

B. **Association of Community College Trustees Legislative Summit**

Student leaders, Board Trustee Reyes, and members of the Chancellors Cabinet met with various legislators in D.C. The group advocated to streamline the CalFresh application process and increase federal funding for HSIs and facility improvements.

C. Bills of Interest

Goal 1: Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success

AB 870 (Arambula) Public social services: benefits for students.

• This bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to convene a workgroup, comprised of relevant stakeholders as needed, to share best practices, updates, challenges, or other topics related to programs and services offered by the department that may be available to college students.

AB 928 (Reyes) CalFreshData Dashboard: students.

• This bill would require CDSS to update its CalFreshData Dashboard on an annual basis and as additional data become available about access to CalFresh by students enrolled in an institution of higher education.

AB 1173 (Ta) College and career fairs.

• This bill would require a school district or school that chooses to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the school district or school of a college or career fair the school district or school is planning to hold.

Goal 3: Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

AB 1198 (Grayson) GO-Biz: Equity in energy task force.

• This bill would establish, within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the Equity in Energy Task Force with specified members, including the CCCs, to develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing equity in the energy industry and increasing the participation rate of women, minorities, disabled individuals, and veteran-owned businesses, as well as individuals from disadvantaged communities.

D. Upcoming

- a. **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Capitol Forum; April 18-19, 2023**
- b. **CalFresh Roundtable: April 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**
- c. **Webinars**
 - i. HACU Students Internships
 - ii. Department of Agriculture
 - iii. Careers in Construction

V. ACTION AGENDA

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee
April 13, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.
Crafton Hills College, LRC Building
17111 Sand Canyon Rd., LCR 226, Yucaipa, CA
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor