

Rancho Santiago Community College District

BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2323 North Broadway, #103

Santa Ana, California

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Ms. Claudia Alvarez. Mr. John Hanna was present via teleconference.

Others present: Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, Ms. Ashley Setoudeh (Townsend Public Affairs), Mr. John Smith, Mr. George Urch, and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Rodríguez.

1.3 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 28, 2011.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Review of State Legislative Discussion Points

The committee discussed the 2013-2014 State budget, received an update on the status of adult education bills, and discussed the following bills concerning community colleges:

The committee reviewed **SB 173 (Liu)** – Adult Education. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board an “oppose” position.

2.1 Review of State Legislative Discussion Points – (cont.)

The committee reviewed **AB 1199 (Fong)** – Community College Funding. It was moved by Ms. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “watch” position.

The committee reviewed **AB 114 (Salas and V. Manuel Perez)** – Proposition 39 Implementation. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board an “watch” position.

The committee reviewed **AB 1162 (Frazier)** – **Student Financial Aid**. It was moved by Ms. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed **AB 1241 (Weber)** – Cal Grant Entitlement Program Extension. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed **AB 1364 (Ting)** – Cal Grant B Access Award Increase. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed **AB 595 (Gomez)** – Student Enrollment, Course Credit, and Transfer. Mr. Hanna asked the chancellor if RSCCD students would benefit from this type of bill, and if so, would the district be able to grant priority registration for enrollment to students in EOPS and disabled students without legislation.

The committee reviewed **AB 955 (Williams)** – Voluntary Extension Program during Summer and Winter Intersessions. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “watch” position.

The committee reviewed **SB 141 (Correa)** – Nonresident Tuition Exemption. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed **SB 150 (Lara)** – Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Part-time Students. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed **SB 440 (Padilla)** – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act Provisions. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “watch” position. Mr. Hanna asked for recommendations from the chancellor, college presidents, and Academic Senates be provided on this bill.

2.1 Review of State Legislative Discussion Points – (cont.)

The committee reviewed AB 950 (Chau) – Full-time Faculty Member Workload. It was moved by Ms. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board an “oppose” position.

The committee reviewed AB 13 (Chavez) – Nonresident Tuition Fees, Veterans. It was moved by Ms. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed SB 290 (Knight) – Nonresident Tuition Fees, Armed Forces. It was moved by Ms. Alvarez, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “support” position.

The committee reviewed SB 520 (Steinberg) – California Online Student Access incentive Grant Programs. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to recommend to the full board a “watch” position.

2.2 Review of Federal Legislative Discussion Points

The committee reviewed Federal legislation including the 2014 Budget, Pell Grant reform, workforce training, the Higher Education Act, Workforce Invest Act, and received an update on the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force.

The committee discussed H.R. 1911 – Student Loan Interest Rates. It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to encourage state and local Congressional representatives to support maintaining lower interest rates on student loans.

2.3 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

Since the committee was not able to review all the bills on the legislative matrix provided by Townsend Public Affairs, Mr. Hanna asked that the bills not reviewed at the meeting be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Hanna asks that future agendas includes discussion of items that board members may wish to address during legislative visits to the State legislative conference in January 2014 and the Federal legislative visits in February 2014.

Mr. Hanna asked that a report be given to the full board regarding the leadership role the district has been taking regarding Adult Education.

2.3 Proposal of Future Agenda Items – (cont.)

Mr. Hanna asked that the committee may wish to review a bill regarding jamming unions. In addition, he asked Mr. Urch and Mr. Smith to advise the chancellor of any bills the faculty may wish the board to review.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvarez declared this meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved: December 2, 2013