

Rancho Santiago Community College District

BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
2323 North Broadway, #103
Santa Ana, California

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Ms. Claudia Alvarez. Other member present: Mr. Phillip Yarbrough. Mr. John Hanna was present via teleconference.

Others present: Dr. Raúl Rodríguez and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper. Ms. Ashley Setoudeh (Townsend Public Affairs) was present via teleconference.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Yarbrough.

1.3 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Yarbrough, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 12, 2013.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Review of State Update

- a. Bills of Interest - The committee discussed the following bills concerning community colleges and made the following recommendations:

AB 330	Chau	Student financial aid: disclosures	Watch
AB 548	Salas	Public postsecondary education: community college registered nursing programs	Support

AB 646	Cooley	Public education governance: regional P-20 councils: advisory committee	Watch
AB 675	Fong	Community colleges: employment of faculty	Support
AB 977	Salas	Community colleges: career technical education programs	Support
AB 1431	Gonzalez	School district and community college elections: conflict of interest	Watch
AB 1451	Holden	Concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college	Support
SB 174	De León	Student financial aid: Cal Grant Programs	Support
SB 240	Yee	Vote by mail ballot drop boxes: higher education campuses	Watch
SB 798	De León	Income taxes: credits: contributions to education funds	Support
SB 845	Correa	Postsecondary education: electronic disbursement of student financial aid	Watch
SB 850	Block	Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program	Watch

2.1 Review of State Update – (cont.)

- b. Budget Update – The committee discussed the January Budget proposal effects on the district budget and strategies needed to protect community colleges’ budget.
- c. Adult Education Regional Consortia Update – The committee discussed AB 86 implementation and funding opportunities for the district.
- d. Goals for the January 27th Sacramento Advocacy Day – The committee discussed its plan for meetings with legislators in Sacramento.

2.2 Review of Federal Update

- a. Federal Legislative Update – The committee discussed federal bills concerning community colleges.
- b. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act – The committee discussed current information on the reauthorization act.
- c. Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act – The committee discussed current information on the reauthorization act.

2.2 Review of Federal Update – (cont.)

- d. Potential Federal Advocacy Trip – The committee discussed potential dates for an advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. and goals for the meetings.

2.3 Review of Other Items

- a. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update - The committee discussed topics the task force has chosen to focus on in the upcoming year.
- b. Use of Proprietary Funds for Public/Private Partnerships – The committee discussed the possibilities of using propriety funds for public/private partnerships.

2.4 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

The committee asked that future agenda items include the state budget and strategies needed to protect the budget for community colleges, and use of proprietary funds for public/private partnerships.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvarez declared this meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 12, 2014