

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 19, 2008

Agenda Item: 7.2

Subject: Approval of Grant Agreement—The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grant No. 2008-2488, Chabot College and District-Economic Development

Background: In response to the urgent and widely recognized need to strengthen basic skills education at California Community Colleges, Chabot College responded to The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation’s request for proposals to create a new state-wide professional development program. Centralized around three regional-inquiry hub colleges, the proposal includes building a network of fifteen colleges across the state working collaboratively to improve basic skills education. Two complementary practices will guide this work: 1) faculty inquiry into how our students learn, what’s getting in the way of their learning, and how we can better reach them; and 2) making visible the results of these inquiries through multi-media windows into teaching and learning (e.g. videos, websites).

This grant will enable the College to play a very visible role in the state-wide landscape over the next few years, as well as impact the future direction the state takes in the area of basic skills and professional development. The College’s project team is co-chaired by Language Arts faculty Tom deWit and Katie Hern.

The grant award is in the amount of \$1,750,000, and has a 30 month term from September 1, 2008, to April 1, 2011. The District’s Economic Development Department will provide grant oversight and serve as fiscal agent.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed grant agreement for The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grant No. 2008-2488, Chabot College and District-Economic Development, in the amount of \$1,750,000, for the period of September 1, 2008, to April 1, 2011. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement and any future augmentations or amendments on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Julia A. Dozier/Date

Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon/Date

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