

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

March 15, 2011

Agenda Item: 7.1

Subject: Acceptance of Grant Monies Awarded by the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, Grant No. 11-04, Chabot College and District – Economic Development

Background: In response to the urgent and widely recognized need to address the high attrition rate of students in basic skills education at California Community Colleges, Chabot College responded to the Walter S. Johnson Foundation’s request for proposals addressing teaching and student support and was awarded the grant. “The California Acceleration Project – Redesigning Developmental Sequences, Increasing Student Learning and Completion” will incorporate both a broad outreach approach throughout the state community college system, as well as offering in-depth support to a group of five colleges to develop and implement pilots successfully modeled by Chabot College and Los Medanos College.

The Chabot College project leader is Language Arts faculty Dr. Katie Hern, who will be working with Ms. Myra Snell, Los Medanos College faculty member. Dr. Hern and Ms. Snell have worked together on other basic skills projects and recently co-authored an article on the issue of attrition in developmental English and math.

The grant award totals \$250,000, and has a two year term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. The District’s Economic Development Department will provide grant oversight and serve as fiscal agent.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Grant Monies Awarded by the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, Grant No. 11-04, Chabot College and District – Economic Development, in the amount of \$250,000, for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement and any future augmentations or amendments to the agreement on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Julia A. Dozier/Date

Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon/Date

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