

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 15, 2011

Agenda Item: 4.5

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad—International Forensics Association World Tournament to Rome, Italy, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College forensics team, LPC Talk Hawks, has been invited to participate in the International Forensics Association Tournament in Rome, Italy during March 2012. Eight students and two faculty coaches would like to represent the College at the tournament. The purpose of this trip is to expose our students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as European institutions. This team has the potential to uphold the successful record that the LPC Talk Hawks have maintained throughout the history of the College.

The Talk Hawks have participated in this competition three times in the past: in Montreal, Canada (Agenda 4.4 November 18, 2008), Prague, Czech Republic (Agenda 4.4 February 21, 2006) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (Agenda 4.4 November 14, 2006). In 2006 and 2009 LPC had the International Champion in Informative Speaking. In 2007 LPC finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009 LPC finished 2nd Place overall at the competition.

In recognition of LPC's past success at the tournament, Barbara Baron, president of the International Forensics Association, has generously offered to waive the entry and registration fees for our school. She wishes to make it as financially feasible as possible for a school with the competitive caliber of LPC to attend the event.

Board Policies 6216 (Field Trips) and 6217 (Travel Study Program), Administrative Rules and Procedures, and materials from our insurance broker have been reviewed. The District is in compliance with each of these and has secured all necessary and required waivers.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the LPC Talk Hawks travel abroad for the International Forensics Association Tournament to Rome, Italy, during March 2012. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services to execute the appropriate documents pertaining to this event on behalf of the District.

Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon/Date

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