

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 18, 2014

Agenda Item: 3.2

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant Award from the California Education Policy Fund for the California Acceleration Project, Chabot College- Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College

Background: The California Acceleration Project (CAP) has received a two-year \$400,000 grant from the California Education Policy Fund. CAP is led by Chabot College English Instructor, Katie Hern, and Myra Snell, a Math instructor from Los Medanos College. The grant funds the creation of a statewide blueprint for transforming placement and remediation with the goal of streamlining the transition to community college and increasing the proportion of students who complete college-level math and English in their first year (a critical early momentum point toward longer term completion). California community colleges need a framework that synthesizes the complex strands of research and practice currently occurring in isolation –e.g., college and career readiness work under the Common Core, research and practice related to placement reform, national policy recommendations for increasing college completion, the principles of Deeper Learning, and promising new models of remediation. In year one, CAP will convene a task force to draft a set of recommendations for California community colleges. In year two, task force recommendations will be disseminated through key statewide venues, provide technical assistance to a small group of California community colleges to implement these recommendations, and use the experience of early initiator colleges to develop materials that support the implementation of recommended reforms in the larger system.

Funding for the project is \$400,000 for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees accepts the grant award for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College in the amount of \$400,000 for the period beginning September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the grant award on behalf of the District.

Approved: Jannett N. Jackson/Date

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