CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 20, 2019

Agenda Item: 4.4

Subject: Acceptance of an Augmentation to Grant Award - U.S. Department of Education, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program (P044A160820 – 19), Chabot – Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College

<u>Background:</u> The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant targets disabled, low-income, and first-generation college students. This grant builds upon Chabot's successful Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Program and establishes a new TRIO SSS program that targets students interested in pursuing STEM disciplines, including Health Sciences. This includes students in the following areas as well as other related fields including: physical sciences, engineering, life sciences, math (e.g., number properties and operations, measurement, geometry, data analysis and probability, and algebra), and technology, including technology literacy, hands on workshops, technological innovations, scientific research, biotechnology, electronics, health sciences, communications and health research.

The Chabot College SSS STEM Program seeks to narrow and/or close this gap by providing academic support in STEM fields, enrichment and leadership opportunities, case management, financial aid and financial literacy services. The program recruits from all areas of the college utilizing frequent and intrusive student contacts and strong academic supports, led by science and math faculty, to retain students. Services include a Summer Bridge Program, close monitoring and follow-up on progress and continuous program activities that keep students engaged and in contact with STEM faculty and staff. This program is a collaborative effort of the math and science faculty and counseling faculty. Funding for the project is in the amount of \$220,000 per year for five years (\$1,100,000) for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020.

Grant augments the 2019-20 award amount by \$33,032 for a total of \$253,032. This award is being executed as of August 20, 2019 with the effective date of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

<u>Recommended Action</u>: That the Board of Trustees accepts this augmentation to Grant Award - U.S. Department of Education, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program (P044A160820 – 19), Chabot – Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College in the amount of \$253,032 for the budget period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the grant award on behalf of the District.

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Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

APPROVED