

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 12, 2019

Agenda Item: 4.8

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – International Forensics Association Tournament to Narita Japan, Las Positas College

Background: Chabot-Las Positas College District, Las Positas College Talk Hawks has been planning to attend the prestigious International Forensics Association Tournament, scheduled to be held in Narita, Japan from March 6-14, 2020.

The purpose of this trip is to expose our students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as Foreign institutions. Our second-year (returning) students are ready for the challenge. It has been LPC Forensics' experience that the learning and cultural exposure that comes from participation at these international competitions far outweighs the educational opportunities that are provided from similar tournaments held here in the Bay Area. Typically, the best Forensics Programs in the country attend this event so this is also an opportunity for Las Positas College to be exposed/showcased to the top speech and debate institutions around the world. LPC continues to have its student competitors awarded scholarships from 4-year institutions as a direct result of their success at this tournament.

Since 2006 the Talk Hawks have participated in this esteemed competition eleven times, including trips to the Czech Republic, Germany, Argentina, Canada, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Austria and Peru, and have won many international awards.

Board Policies 4300 (Field Trips) and 4027 (Travel Abroad 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 proposed Travel Abroad for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College Talk Hawks International Forensics Tournament to Narita Japan, March 6-14, 2020. 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.

Submitted: Theresa F. Rowland/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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