

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 18, 2020

Agenda Item: 4.3

Subject: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Hypothesis Learning Management System Pilot Program, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College and Las Positas College

Background: Hypothesis Learning Management System (LMS) is offering educational institutions the opportunity to pilot its collaborative digital annotation tool at no cost through December 2020. Faculty members at both Las Positas College and Chabot College would like to participate. As a district-wide pilot, Hypothesis would be integrated into Canvas at the district level. The Memorandum of Understanding has been vetted with District Information Technology Services, as well as Admissions & Records at both colleges. The LMS is FERPA compliant.

The Hypothesis LMS allows instructors a window into student reading, an opportunity to scaffold the reading process, and an opportunity for students to learn strong reading practices from each other. Since the majority of academic disciplines have shifted to online instruction currently due to COVID-19, the ability to support reading skills through a digital annotation tool is vital now more than ever. As we continue to focus on student equity, digital and social annotation tools provide a powerful way to support students whose reading levels are low. Further, in light of AB705 which enables students to start in transfer-level English and mathematics, Hypothesis provides faculty a tool to foster greater student success.

Entering the pilot has many benefits: Tier-1 technical and pedagogical online support to lessen burden on college staff; priority for instructors and staff in the support queue; first access to new features; and data for learning analytics. Following the pilot, the colleges will review usage and outcomes to determine next steps with regard to the continued use of the Hypothesis LMS.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Hypothesis Learning Management System (LMS) Pilot Program, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College and Las Positas College for the fall 2020 Term. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

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Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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