

**CHABOT-LAS POSITAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MINUTES
October 7, 2008**

PLACE

Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, California 94545.

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Carlo Vecchiarelli. Mary Hargiss called the roll. Mr. Donald Gelles, Dr. Hal Gin and Dr. Barbara Mertes were absent at the time of roll.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo
Mrs. Isobel F. Dvorsky
Dr. Alison Lewis
Mr. Carlo Vecchiarelli
Ms. Erica Morrissey
Mr. Dayne Nicholls

Members Absent:

Mr. Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles (excused)
Dr. Hal G. Gin
Dr. Barbara F. Mertes (excused)

Managers Present:

Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon, Chancellor
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, Las Positas College
Mr. Jeff Baker
Mr. Gene Groppetti
Dr. MaryAnne Gularte
Dr. Laurel Jones
Mr. Jeffrey Kingston
Mr. Robert Kratochvil
Ms. Melinda Matsuda
Mrs. Jeannine Methe
Ms. Sylvia Rodriguez
Ms. Laura Weaver

Recording Secretary: Ms. Mary Hargiss

Others Present : Ms. Tiffany Breger, President, Associated Students of Las Positas College
Mr. Greg Daubenmire, President, Las Positas College Faculty Senate
Mr. Ming Ho, President, Chabot College Faculty Senate
Mr. Justin Reyes, President, Associated Students of Chabot College
Mr. Gordon Watt, Chabot College Classified Senate

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Reyes, President of Associated Students of Chabot College announced that the Associated Students are preparing a debate for the open Board of Trustees position and invited the Board of Trustees to attend. They are aiming for the date of October 23, 2008 and will inform everyone through Groupwise. He invited Chancellor Joel Kinnamon to attend and asked if he would make a brief introduction at the debate to the general public. They will be inviting the Hayward community as well as the surrounding communities.

PRESENTATION: International Students Program

Ms. Laura Weaver spoke on behalf of the International Students Program and presented highlights and successes of the program. She introduced the staff and faculty that comprise the International Students Program at both college campuses:

Chabot College:

Judy Young, Director of Admissions and Records
Dolly Balangitao, International Student Program Coordinator
Mia Tsai, International Admissions Specialist
Sadie Ashraf, International Students Counselor
Michael D'Aloisio, International Students Counselor

Las Positas College:

Sylvia Rodriguez, Dean of Enrollment Services
Cindy Balero, International Student Program Coordinator
Sean Day, International Admissions Specialist
Gilberto Victoria, International Students Counselor
Nancy Wright, International Students Counselor

Ms. Weaver went on to say that they have adopted the phrase “Many cultures, one destination” for their International Student Program. Stating how they reach out to the students, embracing all that they bring with them and have to share. In turn, knowing that the students will reciprocate and take their experiences back to their homeland and fellow countrymen. She went on to report that California continues to lead in the number of international students that come to the United States to study.

Ms. Weaver then shared the statistical successes that each campus is experiencing in the International Student Program. She produced a slide presentation showing the significant increases in each semester when comparing the same semester year-to-year.

Chabot College:

Chabot experienced a growth of 11.5% in the Fall semester 2006 to Fall 2007. Chabot then experienced a growth of 17.3% in the Spring semester 2007 to Spring 2008. In the Fall semester 2007 to current Fall 2008 Chabot has experienced a growth of 7.5%.

Las Positas College:

Las Positas experienced a growth of 35.3% in the period Fall 2006 to Fall 2007. Spring 2007 to Spring 2008 experienced a growth of 36.8%. And Fall 2007 to Fall 2008 experienced an increase of 21.7%. Las Positas now enrolls the largest number of international student in their history.

She pointed out the significant increase in numbers since the Board first approved the initiative in the summer of 2006. When comparing figures from Fall 2006 to Fall 2008, Chabot College has experienced a total growth of 19.8% and Las Positas College has experienced a growth of 64.7%.

Las Positas College has a total of 112 international students representing 45 countries. Chabot College has a total of 115 international students representing 35 countries.

Cindy Balero and Sean Day spoke on behalf of Las Positas College, how the college helps the students on a day-to-day basis, and their role and positive experiences with the International Students Program.

Nancy Wright, Dolly Balangitao, Sadie Ashraf and Maya Tsai, spoke on behalf of Chabot College, their duties and experiences, and how the college strives to make a difference in the students’ lives that are involved in the International Students Program.

International Students, Yoon Kyung (Maki) Bae, Salustiano (Salu) Ribeiro Neto, and Iris Van Etten spoke about their positive interactions with the Internationals Students Program.

Ms. Weaver then outlined her 2007 Board-approved trip to Asia. Ms. Weaver explained that she was part of 31 community college representatives from across the United States joining together as a delegation representing community colleges and our country. The trip allowed her to meet with approximately 1800 prospective students. Overall, the trip was very demanding, yet very rich, and allowed the group to elevate the international profile of community colleges in Southeast Asia. She then thanked the Board of Trustees for allowing her to go.

Ms. Weaver concluded the presentation for the evening and on behalf of the International Students Program, thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support and thanked Presidents Pollard and Barberena who pledged their enthusiastic commitment to the program soon after their arrival. In addition, she thanked Chancellor Kinnamon for his rock-solid commitment to the program and to the students, and thanked all the international students that come to our colleges from around the world, and to the administrators, faculty and staff who serve the students.

The Board of Trustees then thanked Ms. Weaver for her presentation expressing their continued support. They requested a follow up on the tracking of the students and finding out what happens to them when they leave our system.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the District Office at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 1

Dr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dvorsky, to adjourn the workshop meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes completed by:

Mary Hargiss

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District