CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY MEETING

MINUTES May 4, 2010

PLACE

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, 5020 Franklin Dr., Pleasanton, California 94588.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Recording Secretary Mary Hargiss called the roll. Trustee Vecchiarelli was absent at the time of roll. The Board immediately adjourned to a Closed Session, which ended at 6:25 p.m.

The Board readjourned in Open Session at 6:30 p.m. Recording Secretary Mary Hargiss called the roll. Student Trustee Gil was absent at the time of roll.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Trustee Arnulfo Cedillo

Trustee Isobel F. Dvorsky

Trustee Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles

Trustee Hal G. Gin

Trustee Barbara F. Mertes Trustee Marshall Mitzman

Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

Student Trustee Sudharsan Dwaraknath

Members Absent: Student Trustee Evani Gil

Managers Present: Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon, Chancellor

Dr. Celia Barberena, President, Chabot College

Dr. Pam Luster, Representing President, Las Positas College

Mr. Gary Carter
Ms. Julia Dozier
Mr. Wyman Fong
Dr. MaryAnne Gularte
Mr. Jeffrey Kingston
Ms. Jeannine Methe

Ms. Dyan Miller Mr. Tim Nelson Dr. George Railey Ms. Nancy Soto Ms. Laura Weaver

Recording Secretary:

Ms. Mary Hargiss

Others Present:

Ms. Jennifer Adams, Las Positas College

Mr. Jason Ames, Chabot College Forensics Faculty Ms. Fatima Ansary, Chabot College Forensics Team

Mr. Scott Ault, Associated Students, Las Positas College

Ms. Cindy Balero, Las Positas College

Mr. Christopher Beamon, Las Positas College Men's Cross Country Team

Mr. and Mrs. Beamon

Mr. Bradley Bettridge, Chabot College Forensics Team

Ms. Claudia Carvajal, Chabot College Forensics Team

Mr. A.J. Colagross, Las Positas College

Mr. Richard Duchscherer, District M&O

Ms. JoAnn Galliano, Chabot College Dental Hygiene Faculty

Mr. Anthony Garcia, Chabot College

Ms. Nina Kaur, Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program

Ms. Natasha Lang, President, Las Positas College Classified Senate

Mr. James McGuirk, Las Positas College Veterans Program

Ms. Arpi Nakashian, Las Positas College International Student Program

Mr. Steve Navarro, Las Positas College Athletics Faculty

Mr. Kyle Pipkins, Chabot College

Mr. Ricky Ponce, Chabot College Forensics Team

Mr. Masi Quorayshi, President, Las Positas College Associated Students

Mr. Gerald Rich, Classified Emeritus, District

Mrs. Linda Rich

Ms. Amanda Rogan, Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program

Mr. James Rose, Las Positas College Express

Ms. Cynthia Ross, Las Positas College Faculty

Ms. Tiffany Saxon, Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program

Mr. Alex Silvia, Las Positas College Men's Cross Country Team

Mr. Stephen Small, ASCCA, Chabot College

Mr. Todd Steffan, Las Positas College

Mr. David Steffes, Hayward Arts Council

Ms. Patra Nesseth-Steffes, Sun Gallery, Hayward Area Forum of the Arts Board

Ms. Kelly Tran, Associated Students, Las Positas College

Ms. Rachel Ugale, District

Mr. Gordon Watt, President, Chabot College Classified
Senate

Ms. Justine Whitfield, Las Positas College Talk Hawks
Team

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Stephen Small led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stephen Small reported that the Automotive Service Council, Chapter 16, in conjunction with Chabot College Automotive Technology and the Chabot College Foundation, will host the Technology Recognition Night on May 11, 2010 at Chabot College. He is looking forward to a successful event as in the past.

Ms. Patra Nesseth-Steffes, Vice President of the Board, Sun Gallery, spoke to the Board regarding the positive partnership with Chabot College. She thanked Chabot College, especially the School for the Arts, for volunteering at the Sun Gallery. She invited all to visit the Gallery for their upcoming show, "Wild Wild West", and other upcoming shows. It is their hope to have a show featuring Chabot College students' work in 2011. She recognized those that have supported the art students at Chabot College and the Sun Gallery.

Mr. David Steffes, reported that Chabot College Art Students again participated in the 21st Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts at University of California, Davis. He thanked Mr. Fernando Hernandez, Chabot College Art Faculty, for organizing the event. He also reported that Chabot College will be featured at the Hayward Arts Council Art Walk on May 15.

ACTION ITEM: ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STUDENT TRUSTEES FOR 2010-2011

Motion No. 1

Trustee Dvorsky made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gin, to establish the rights and duties of the Student Trustees for 2010-2011 per Education Code 72023.5 as follows:

- a. Student Trustees may make and second motions; and
- b. Student Trustees will receive a maximum of \$100 each per month in compensation.

It is further recommended that these rights and duties become effective upon adoption.

Chancellor Kinnamon requested that this recommendation be amended, under item b. to read as follows: "Student Trustees attending Board Meetings as required will receive a maximum of \$100 each per month in compensation."

Motion No. 2

Trustee Dvorsky made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gin, to approve the amended motion to establish the rights and duties of the Student Trustees for 2010-2011 per Education Code 72023.5 as follows:

- c. Student Trustees may make and second motions; and
- d. Student Trustees attending Board Meetings as required will receive a maximum of \$100 each per month in compensation.

It is further recommended that these rights and duties become effective upon adoption.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES RECOGNITIONS

President Gelles recognized Student Trustee Sudharsan Dwaraknath for his service on the Board as Student Trustee for Las Positas College for 2009-10, and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Student Trustee Dwaraknath introduced Incoming Student Trustee A.J. Colagross.

President Gelles reported that the Certificate of Appreciation for Student Trustee Evani Gill will be presented when he is able to attend a meeting.

PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS RETIREMENT

Chancellor Kinnamon recognized Mr. Gerald Rich for his Classified Emeritus Retirement after 22 years of service to the District. Chancellor Kinnamon presented Mr. Rich with a Certificate of Emeritus Retirement and gift of appreciation.

Mr. Rich thanked Mr. Tim Nelson, Manager, and Mr. Rich Duchscherer, Supervisor, for bringing in new innovative systems to the Maintenance and Operations Department. He thanked the Board and Chancellor Kinnamon for their support of the Maintenance and Operations Department and the two Colleges.

PRESENTATION OF END-OF-YEAR RECOGNITIONS

Both College staffs recognized Outstanding Students, acknowledging those in attendance.

Las Positas College

On behalf of Las Positas College, Dr. Pam Luster presented the 2009-10 Student Recognitions Program, "Student Voices: Telling Their LPC Story", a video montage celebrating Las Positas College Student events, accomplishments and highlights. Dr. Luster recognized and thanked Ms. Jennifer Adams for her assistance in creating the video.

The second part of the program featured speakers from five student groups representing Veterans, International Students, Forensics, Athletics and Student Life.

Athletics: Coach Steve Navarro reported that the Men's Cross Country Team won the All-State Award and has applied for the Scholar Team Award, which is awarded to the cross country team with the highest GPA. The Las Positas Men's Cross Country Team's overall GPA is 3.2. Las Positas College won this award in 2002 and 2004. Coach Navarro introduced Mr. Christopher Beamon (and parents) and presented him with a certificate. Another team member also in attendance and introduced was Mr. Alex Silvia.

International Student Program: Ms. Cindy Balero, Coordinator, introduced Ms. Arpi Nakashian, an International Student from Jerusalem. Ms. Nakashian spoke of what the last two years at Las Positas College has meant to her. She will be graduating next month and transferring to California State University, Stanislaus.

Talk Hawks: Dr. Luster introduced Ms. Justine Whitfield, Talk Hawks Forensics Team Member. Ms. Whitfield's awards include the State Bronze Award for Informative Speaking and the National Silver Award in Informative Speaking. Ms. Whitfield performed her award-winning speech.

Veterans: Dr. Luster introduced Mr. James McGuirk, Lead Student Mentor, Veterans First Program and the Las Positas College/Sandia/Livermore Chamber Student of the Year. Mr. McGuirk spoke of his experiences in the Army and his experiences while at Las Positas College, including "jump starting" the successful Veterans First Program. He recognized Mr. Todd Steffan for his support of the veterans in the program.

Student Life: Ms. Cynthia Ross, Psychology Faculty and Student Life Advisor, reported on the many Student Senate activities held this year. She introduced Mr. Scott Ault and Ms. Kelly Tran who spoke about the Senate's advocacy efforts at the regional, state and national levels.

Chabot College

Dr. Barberena presented a Student Recognition Night Program, recognizing many outstanding students, including those that will be recognized tonight from Forensics Team, Student Life, Dental Hygiene and Automotive Technology.

Forensics Team: Mr. Jason Ames, Forensics Faculty, reported the Forensics Team this year, his most successful year, has won over 80 individual awards at 9 tournaments. Mr. Ames introduced award-winning team members Mr. Steve Mireles, Mr. Ricardo Ponce, Mr. Brad Bettridge, Ms. Fatima Ansary, and Ms. Claudia Carvajal. Team members spoke of their individual experiences as well as the team's success this year, crediting their coach, Mr. Ames.

Dental Hygiene: Ms. JoAnn Galliano, Dental Hygiene Faculty, reported the program is celebrating their new clinic which was built with the help from the community. In addition, the Class of 2010 is celebrating 100% pass rate on National Boards, and over 500 hours of community service over the two years in the program. Dental Hygiene Students Ms. Nina Kaur and Ms. Amanda Rogan narrated a slide show presentation which portrayed their community service activities and clinical work. Ms. Tiffany Saxon shared her experiences at Chabot College.

Automotive Technology: Mr. Stephen Small, Automotive Technology Faculty, recognized four outstanding students – Mr. Rafael Andrade and Mr. Paul Walters, who were unable to attend; and Mr. Kyle Pipkins and Mr. Anthony Garcia, who were in attendance. Mr. Garcia spoke of his experiences in the program.

Student Life: Ms. Nancy Soto, Student Life Advisor, recognized the following clubs and organizations on campus:

- Students for Social Justice, Kip Waldo, Advisor.
- School of the Arts (SoTA) Club, Clayton Thiel, Advisor. She recognized students Ms. Pauline Cabello and Mr. David Steffes, who spoke briefly about the club and the Arts Program at Chabot College.
- Chabot College Cheer Squad, Nancy Soto, Advisor. Cheer Captain, Mr. Maurice Randolph introduced Cheer Members, who performed a cheer.

Student Trustee Dwaraknath thanked the Board for the opportunity of serving on the Board and wished the Board well.

Trustee Cedillo commented that it is great to hear the voices of the students and that as a student he was a member for one semester of the Forensics Team, competing in Impromptu and Oral Interpretation. He noted that "student achievements are our achievements, and reminds us of why we are here."

Trustee Gin expressed this is by far one of the most sought-after, long-awaited meetings of each year and thanked the faculty and staff "because it is through your efforts that the students learn and gain from your skills." He also thanked the students, noting that "this is what makes all of us so proud of all of you."

Trustee Mertes expressed that "we are all envious of your talent." She expressed that "you are an amazing group – both the faculty and the students; and what you have brought this evening is a reminder about the importance of having the ability to compete, to win, to learn, to achieve, and to feel very good about what you do." "Thank you for a wonderful evening."

Trustee Dvorsky expressed that this is the time of year that the Board looks forward to the most. The Board sits through many meetings with issues such as budget problems; "but when we see our students at the end of the year with what you have accomplished, when you see the pride that the faculty and staff take in all of you, we share that." "This is what it is all about - it is all about you, the students, the faculty, all of you who make up the Chabot-Las Positas District." She expressed that it has been a great evening, thanking everyone for coming, for performing, and for being our students.

Trustee Mitzman echoed the many positive comments made by his fellow Trustees. He expressed that he is "honored and would be pleased if your family were to accept him into your family. He congratulated the faculty, staff and students.

Trustee Vecchiarelli expressed that he is very proud of all the accomplishments. He expressed that he spent 36 years as an instructor and dean at Chabot College, and he misses all the students. He noted that he even drove the bus for the cheerleaders. He misses the Veterans and all the aspects of Student Life. "Tonight it all comes together, and we see the results of all the efforts of our great instructors and our great staff and is very proud to be part of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District." "Congratulations to everybody."

Chancellor Kinnamon expressed that this evening is truly about community, and the students have shown many of the things they have done in the community, and our Veteran has shown what he has done for our community. Each time we do this, he is taken aback, realizing the ripple effects that will take place as each of the students go out there, "just like you did this evening, you had an effect." He thanked the students and encouraged them to "continue to do those things that improve life for all of us."

Trustee Gelles noted that this Board has between 200 and 300 years of education experience, with a lot of love and caring about the Colleges and programs. He expressed that "when we look at the budget and see that we have 1,500 students that the State isn't compensating us for, we know we are doing the right thing." He recognized Mr. Jason Ames, noting that "when I see someone talk about their students and their awards, I marvel at that, because it is truly motivational and truly love for what you are doing, and that is what Chabot and Las Positas Colleges are." "Never forget how much caring education is for so many people." He recognized Mr. James McGuirk, Mr. Todd Steffen and the Veterans Program at Las Positas College and all the veterans that keep our country free. On behalf of the Board, he expressed appreciation for allowing us to be here to serve. Also on behalf of the Board, he thanked the faculty, staff, and students.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gelles adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office.

Minutes prepared by:
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Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District