

Rancho Santiago Community College District

BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2323 North Broadway, #103

Santa Ana, California

Monday, December 12, 2013

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Ms. Claudia Alvarez. Mr. John Hanna was present via teleconference.

Others present: Ms. Ashley Setoudeh (Townsend Public Affairs) and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper. Dr. Raúl Rodríguez was present via teleconference.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Lucarelli.

1.3 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Alvarez, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 2, 2013.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Review of State Legislative Update

The committee received an update on the status of the following bills concerning community colleges:

The committee reviewed **AB 701 (Quirk-Silva)** – Local government finance. After discussion, the committee recommended the chancellor and board president meet with North Orange County Community College District regarding this bill and a letter of concern be drafted.

2.1 Review of State Legislative Update – (cont.)

The committee reviewed **AB955 (Williams)**: Community colleges intersession extension programs; **SB 141 (Correa)**: Postsecondary education benefits for children of deported or voluntarily departed parents; **SB 150 (Lara)**: Pupils concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college nonresident tuition exemption; **SB 290 (Knight)**: Nonresident tuition exemption for veterans; and **SB 440 (Padilla)**: Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

The committee reviewed energy efficiency projects and funding through Proposition 39 for the district. It was noted that the district is not on the list for Prop. 39 funding yet but it is hopeful it will be soon.

The committee reviewed an update on the Adult Education Regional Consortia and discussed **AB 86** implementation and funding opportunities for the district.

The committee reviewed the Board of Governor's Proposed Title 5 regulation changes to the fee waiver. If the district wanted to submit formal comments on the proposed changes, Ms. Setoudeh indicated formal comments will be accepted until December 17, 2013.

2.2 Review of Federal Legislative Update

The committee reviewed the following Federal legislation:

The committee discussed **HR 3399** Veterans Education Counseling Act and recommended a "support" position.

The committee discussed **HR 1747** and recommended a "support" position, although this is more of a spot bill since the author indicated it most likely will not move forward.

The committee reviewed **HR 803** and **S 1356**, the SKILLS (Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills) Act and the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act.

2.3 Review of Other Updates

The committee reviewed an update on the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update and discussed topics the task force has chosen to focus on in the upcoming year.

2.4 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

The committee asked that future agenda items include the state budget and legislative taskforce regional planning.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvarez declared this meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes approved: January 22, 2014