

Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD)

BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2323 North Broadway, #103
Santa Ana, California

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. by Mr. Zeke Hernandez. Other member present: Mr. John Hanna.

Others present: Mr. Austin Webster (Townsend Public Affairs [TPA], Sacramento), Mr. Enrique Perez, Dr. Raúl Rodríguez, and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper. Ms. Laura Kroeger (TPA, Washington, D.C.) was present via teleconference.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hanna.

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hanna and seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018. The motion carried with the following vote: Mr. Hanna and Mr. Hernandez.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Update on Governor's 2019-2020 Budget Proposal

The committee discussed the Governor's 2019-2020 budget proposal. Mr. Webster informed the board of portions of the budget that pertained to community colleges such as the second year of free community college, increase of financial aid funding, one-time pension obligations to State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and \$10,000,000 for legal fees for undocumented students and their families. Mr. Hanna expressed concern over the criteria for the distribution of the \$10,000,000 for legal fees for undocumented students and their families. Mr. Webster will update the committee on the criteria required for the distribution of the \$10,000,000. It was noted that most likely changes will occur before the May Revision of the budget.

2.2 Review of State Legislation

Mr. Webster reported that at this time there is not much to report since legislators have until February 22, 2019, to introduce new bills, and most bills are introduced the week before the deadline. The committee asked district staff to provide items of interest that the district would like the board members to discuss when meeting with legislators in Sacramento.

2.3 Update on State Regulatory Changes

Mr. Webster provided an update on two bills related to funds for tutoring and indicated the State Chancellor's Office is expected to provide guidance on disbursement of these funds on January 16.

2.4 Update on Federal Immigration Activity and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

The committee discussed the lack of effort to address DACA programs. The committee requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss DACA programs with Congressman Lou Correa before the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference in February.

2.5 Review of Federal Legislation

Ms. Kroeger reported that there is not much to report since the federal government is on partial shutdown. The committee asked Ms. Kroeger to schedule meetings with legislators in Washington, D.C. to coincide with the ACCT conference in February.

2.6 Discussion of Upcoming Legislative Conferences

The committee asked staff to provide talking points and marketing tools to distribute to legislators during the meetings TPA representatives are planning to set up with legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

2.7 Discussion of Other Priorities

Mr. Hernandez asked Mr. Webster for a monthly update on legislation.

2.8 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

Mr. Hernandez scheduled the next meeting for March 11, 2019, at 3 p.m.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hanna declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.