

Rancho Santiago Community College District

**BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

2323 North Broadway, #103

Santa Ana, California

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mr. John Hanna since Chairperson Claudia Alvarez was detained at a meeting at Centennial Education Center (CEC). Other member present: Ms. Raquel Manriquez. Ms. Alvarez arrived at the time noted.

Others present: Mr. John Didion, Ms. Chelsea Vongehr (Townsend Public Affairs [TPA]), Dr. John Weispfenning, and Ms. Anita Lucarelli as record keeper. Since Dr. Raúl Rodríguez was at the CEC meeting also, he arrived at the time noted. Mr. Casey Elliott (TPA, Sacramento) and Ms. Jessica Fernandez (TPA, Washington., D.C.) were present via teleconference.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Didion.

1.3 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hanna and seconded by Ms. Manriquez to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014. The motion carried with the following vote: Mr. Hanna and Ms. Manriquez.

## 2.0 GENERAL

### 2.1 Status of H.R. 242 (Sanchez) – The Affordability for Constant and Continual Education to Enhance Student Success Act

The committee discussed the status of H.R. 242 (Sanchez) – The Affordability for Constant and Continual Education to Enhance Student Success Act and made the recommendation to support the bill.

### 2.2 Review of AB 288 (Holden) – The College and Career Access Pathways Act

The committee reviewed AB 288 (Holden) – the College and Career Access Pathways Act and made the recommendation to support the bill.

### 2.3 Review of AB 963 (Bonilla) – Protecting CalSTRS Membership and Retiree Service Time

The committee reviewed AB 963 (Bonilla) – Protecting CalSTRS Membership and Retiree Service Time and made the recommendation to support the bill.

Dr. Rodríguez arrived at 5:22 p.m. during the discussion of Item 2.3.

Mr. Hanna asked that Item 2.4 be discussed after Ms. Alvarez arrived.

### 2.5 Status of Other Bills of Particular Interest

- 2.5.1 AB 393 (Hernandez, Roger) – Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program
- 2.5.2 AB 421 (Calderon) – Veterans Counselor
- 2.5.3 AB 636 (Medina) – Student Safety
- 2.5.4 AB 889 (Chang) – Concurrent Enrollment
- 2.5.5 SB 373 (Pan) – Full-time Faculty Percentage

The committee discussed the abovementioned bills and made the recommendation to support AB 393, AB 421, AB 636, and AB 889; and to oppose SB 373.

Ms. Alvarez arrived at 5:32 p.m. during the discussion of Item 2.5.4. Mr. Hanna updated Ms. Alvarez on the committee discussions/recommendations that had occurred prior to her arrival.

### 2.4 Status of AB 1468 (Baker) – Disability Access

The committee discussed AB 1468 (Baker) – Disability Access and made the recommendation to support the bill. Mr. Hanna asked the chancellor to encourage other districts to support this bill. Ms. Alvarez asked TPA staff to develop a new strategy to move the bill forward.

## 2.6 Review of 2015-2016 Legislative Matrix

Since the legislative matrix was 30 pages, the committee asked if any bills stood out to review. The committee discussed a few bills and asked the chancellor to review the list and advise the board of his recommendations. Mr. Hanna asked that bills relating to assisting students or statewide bonds be brought to the committee's attention.

Ms. Fernandez provided a brief update on Item 2.1 (H.R. 242 [Sanchez]) to Ms. Alvarez at this time per Ms. Alvarez' request.

Mr. Hanna left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

## 2.7 Proposal of Future Agenda Items

Ms. Alvarez noted the request made by Mr. Hanna in Item 2.6 regarding the legislative matrix. The chancellor suggested an update on the status of AB 1468 (Baker) – Disability Access be included on a future agenda.

## 3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Alvarez declared this meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 7, 2016