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# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**Coast Community College District  
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee\***

**Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Board of Trustees' Conference Room  
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

**1. Call to Order**

Trustee Patterson called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Trustee Present: Trustee Jerry Patterson and Trustee Lorraine Prinsky  
Trustee Absent: None

In Attendance – Vice Chancellor, W. Andrew Dunn; District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations, Dr. Martha Parham; Townsend Public Affairs, Amanda Fenton; Orange Coast College, Vice President of Student Services, Kristen Clark, and Coastline Community College Faculty Member Michael Warner.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no requests to address the Committee during Public Comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 30, 2012**

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of April 30, 2012.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye: Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky  
No: None  
Absent: None

**5. State Legislative Updates**

**a. Staff Report on 1550**

The Legislative Affairs Committee discussed SB 1456. Ms. Fenton shared that SB 1456 has the support of student organizations such as MECHA and the Disabled community as well as a **Teachers Union**. The Student Success Act of 2012 as amended 06/19/2012 letter provided by Townsend Public Affairs will go to the Appropriation Committee the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to recommend and support the June 19, 2012 version of SB 1456 Lowenthal to the full board.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye:	Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky
No:	None
Absent:	None

Ms. Fenton provided an update to the committee on 1550 The Committee also discussed priority registration for Coast Community College Students. If SB 1550 is still active, Ms. Fenton will provide a presentation to the Board Members on the September 5, 2012 Board Meeting.

In addition, the Committee continued with AB 2164 (Dickinson) Community College facilities, which is currently being amended. Ms. Fenton will provide the Legislative Affairs Committee members further information on the AB 2164 facility bill.

Ms. Fenton briefly mentioned SB 1356 and SB1466 (De Leon), which would create a higher education investment tax credit Program Special Fund. These bills will go to hearing at Assembly Higher Education and Assembly Taxation for the week of July 2, 2012. Ms. Fenton will add these bills to the District watch list and support list and prepare a support letter.

## **6. Federal Legislative Update and discussion of policies of interest**

### **a. DREAM ACT Report and President Obama's Action**

Ms. Fenton reported on the DREAM ACT and President Obama's Action.

### **b. Financial Aid Disclosure Pilot**

Ms. Fenton ended her presentation with an update on the Financial Aid Disclosure Pilot. She further shared, that the White House had reached an agreement on the Financial Aid Disclosure Pilot.

### **c. Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization Passes House Committee**

Ms. Fenton informed the Legislative Affairs Committee Members that the Workforce Investment Act is not going to move in the election year.

### **d. House Veteran Affairs Committee conducts hearing on implementation of the VOW of Hire Heroes Act of 2011**

Ms. Fenton provided the Legislative Affairs Committee Members an update on implementation of the VOW of Hire Heroes Act of 2011, requesting feedback on the District's experiences with Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. She further informed the Legislative Affairs Committee that the House Veteran Affairs Committee hearing focus on rolling out one of the first programs from Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP).

**7. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force**

The members of the Legislative Affairs Committee discussed AB 2478 and AB 2250.

**8. Set Future Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee will be on August 23, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

**9. Adjourn**

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

Aye:	Trustee Patterson, Trustee Prinsky
No:	None
Absent:	None

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Interim Secretary of the Board of Trustees