
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 1:30 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 1:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance - Dr. Martha Parham, District of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Ashley Setoudeh, Christopher Townsend, and Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs; Carla Martinez, Acting Dean of Students; Dean Mancina, Coast Federation of Educators; Dr. Loretta Adrian, President of Coastline Community College; Michael Warner, Coastline Community College Faculty Member; Julie Frazier-Mathews, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of August 23, 2012

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee votes to approve the minutes of August 23, 2012.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

5. State Update

a. Final Legislative Report on all Priority Bills

Ms. Setoudeh reported that the Governor signed the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force sponsored Legislation AB 2478 (Hayashi) and AB 2133 (Blumenfeld).

b. Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force Update

Ms. Setoudeh mentioned that the South Orange County Community College District, Chair of the Task Force this year, had held two meetings thus far and that they are finalizing priorities for next year.

The two priorities that the task force is focusing for the upcoming session is the student veterans policy and the definition of completion in relation to SB 1456 (Lowenthal).

The Legislative Affairs Committee members suggested that it would be a great idea to receive the input of the District Student Council regarding the definition of completion. Trustee Patterson suggested adding this item to the District Student Council Agenda and Trustee Prinsky recommended that this could be a topic that the students can discuss at Lobby Day.

c. Board of Governors Enrollment Priority Regulations

Ms. Setoudeh updated the committee with the Board of Governors Enrollment Priority Regulations. She stated that the Board of Governors voted on September 10th to approve the Student Success Task Force Recommendation related to Title Five Priority Enrollment. Ms. Setoudeh continued by letting the committee know that the district may elect to consolidate priority 1 and 2 and the district also has the option to create a 3rd priority level for new students who have completed matriculation process and that have remained in good standing.

d. Legislative Priorities for Next Session

Ms. Setoudeh advised the Legislative Affairs Committee members that Townsend Public Affairs will be monitoring, tracking and updating the District as bills are introduced beginning in January.

e. Advocacy Trip Dates

The Legislative Committee members talked about the upcoming CCLC conference in January and the Lobby day event that is tentatively being held in March.

6. Federal Update

a. Continuing Resolution

Ms. Setoudeh informed the committee members that on September 28th the President signed a Continuing Resolution keeping the federal government operating through March 27, 2013..

b. Pell Grants

Ms. Setoudeh updated the committee members on an article that came out from the Department of Education that showed recently released data, that the federal government spent \$2.2 billion less on Pell Grants in the is past fiscal year then the year before. The decrease to \$33.4 billion from the previous \$35.6 billion was well below the Department of Education's estimate of \$40 billion. Some of the drop is being attribute to an increase in part time students.

c. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) in 2013

Ms. Setoudeh mentioned that Townsend Public Affairs attended the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Annual Legislative Conference. The Democratic staff indicated interest in examining ways to address the cost of both the taxpayers and the families attending a postsecondary degree and the rules surrounding federal student aid and there impact on institutional operations. Ms. Setoudeh might need the following information; how student loans works within the district and the process of the Accreditation within the institution of California. This information gathered would be used as a follow up for the next Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) event.

d. Grants advocacy

Ms. Setoudeh updated the committee members that she will be contacting Dr. Serban to gather information on current pending grants and future grants that the district is applying for. Ms. Setoudeh also updated the committee members she will be contacting Acting Dean, Bill Kerwin for the same information.

e. Advocacy Trip Dates

The Committee members discussed potential dates for next year's Advocacy Trip dates.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to attend the CCLC Annual Legislative Conference on January 25-29, 2013 and the committee proposed March 19, 2013 as a possible date for the Student Council Lobby day event.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee proposed to have April 9-11, 2013 for a Coast District Legislative advocacy event to be arranged in Washington D.C.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky and seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted for Trustee Patterson and possibly the Board Secretary to attend the February 12-13, 2013 Washington ACCT conference

Motion carried with the following votes

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

7. Set Future Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee was set for Thursday, January 10, 2013.

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Motion carried with the following votes

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

Secretary of the Board of Trustees