
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
June 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Board Conference Room
1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson
Trustees Absent: None

In Attendance: Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Dr. Andy Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Education Services and Technology; Dr. Cindy Vyskocil, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources; Nate Harrison, Coastline Community College; Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs State Capitol Director; Chelsea Vongehr, Townsend Public Affairs Associate; Jane Burton, Interim Secretary of the Board

Also in attendance: Laura Kroeger, Townsend Public Affairs Associate, participated through teleconference.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

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

4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 27, 2017

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 27, 2017.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Update on FY2018 Federal Appropriations

Ms. Kroeger, Townsend Public Affairs Associate, was introduced via teleconference and provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Appropriations:

- Ms. Kroeger stated that the Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations were all wrapped up; federal government would be funded through the end of September 2017.
- She stated that the Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations bills were still being processed and would need to be passed by September 30th. All 12 bills would be wrapped into 1 ominous bill, in order to pass it all at once, by August recess.

6. Review, Discuss and Possible Action on Federal Appropriations Support Letter

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to have a drafted Federal Appropriations letter sent to each Senator and taken to the full Board of Trustees for their review and consideration of support.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. Update on Previously Considered Federal Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger provided an update of the Federal Community College Legislation:

- Ms. Kroeger stated that the following BRIDGE Acts and JOBS Acts legislation that the Committee had sent letters on in the past, had not moved and there were no updates at the time of the meeting:
 - i. H.R. 496 (Coffman) BRIDGE Act
 - ii. S. 128 (Graham) BRIDGE Act
 - iii. S. 206 (Kaine/Portman) JOBS Act
- Ms. Kroeger gave an overview of H.R.2353 (Thompson) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act and added it to the "Support" list. She stated that an identical version of this bill was introduced last year. The Legislative Affairs Committee passed a resolution and wrote a letter regarding this bill last November and it passed in the House of Representatives, however, it did not receive a vote on the Senate side. It was reintroduced and Ms. Kroeger stated that it was moving quickly and was sent to the Senate for consideration. Ms. Kroeger recommended that the Committee vote to redraft the same letter as last year with an update, send a resolution, or send an informal reminder of the Committee's support. Trustee Patterson proposed that a brand new letter be drafted and sent.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted for Townsend to draft a new letter and resolution to be presented to the full Board of Trustees for their review and consideration of support.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

- Ms. Kroeger stated that each of the following bills in the "Watch" category had not moved or changed:

- i. H.R. 338 (Rush) To Promote a 21st Century Energy and Manufacturing Workforce
- ii. H.R. 996 (Kihuen) STEP for Veterans Act
- iii. H.R. 1050 (Larsen) Youth Access to American Jobs Act
- iv. H.R. 1609 (Langevin) Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program Act
- v. H.R. 1837 (Norcross) 21st Century Energy Workforce Act
- vi. H.R. 1880 (Jayapal) College for All Act
- vii. H.R. 2041 (Loebsack) New Jobs Training Act
- viii. H.R. 2045 (Lujan) Community College Energy Training Act
- ix. H.R. 2046 (Lujan) Peer-Support Specialist Act
- x. S. 592 (Kaine) Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program Act
- xi. S. 620 (Franken) Community College to Career Act
- xii. S. 748 (Menendez) PROFILED Act
- xiii. S. 806 (Sanders) College for All Act

8. Review of New Federal Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger brought to the Committee's attention 5 new bills that were introduced:

- i. S. 996 (Heinrich) and H. R. 2260 (Carbajal) Middle Class CHANCE Act: Same bill, both Chambers, no committee action yet.
- ii. S. 1043 (Bennet) Pay for Student Success Act: Newly introduced, no movement.
- iii. S. 1121 (Hatch) and H.R. 2434 (Mitchell) College Transparency Act: Dr. Serban and Trustee Patterson suggested that this legislation be moved to the "Watch" category.
- iv. S. 1136 (Hirono) and H.R. 2451 (Davis) Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act: Introduced in House and Senate, had not moved.
- v. S. 1295 (Casey) and H.R. 2782 (Bonamici) RISE Act: Would clarify student's disability or special education documentation in K-12 and Higher Education.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to move all 5 new Federal Community College Legislation to the "Watch" category.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

9. Update on Previously Considered State Community College Legislation

Mr. Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs State Capitol Director, provided an overview on the State Community College Legislation that had previously been supported and watched.

- a. In regards to the "Support" category, Mr. Elliott stated that the first House deadline had passed and the Policy Committee deadline in the second House would be on July 14th. He stated that many bills had moved and had been amended.
 - i. AB 17 (Holden) Student Transit Pass Program: Passed by the Assembly on a 71-5 vote; was amended through the Appropriations process and would now provide \$20 million to the Department of Transportation. Mr. Elliott stated that this legislation would move quickly.

- ii. AB 1563 (Medina) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards: Held in Appropriations Committee; there was no more movement and would be eligible for further consideration in January 2018.
 - iii. SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards: Similar to AB 1563; however, SB 15 had movement. Passed Senate with a 39-0 vote. Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee and would be set to be heard on July 11th.
 - iv. SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: Passed by the Senate with a 38-2 vote. Referred to Assembly Higher Education and set to be heard on July 11th.
- b. Mr. Elliott gave an overview of the legislation that was listed in the "Watch" category; he stated that there had not been much movement on the following and Townsend would continue to watch them:
- i. AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver
 - ii. AB 204 (Medina) Community Colleges: Waiver of Enrollment Fees
 - iii. AB 618 (Low) Local Agency Public Construction Act: Job Order Contracting
 - iv. SB 478 (Portantino) Public Postsecondary Education: Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California

10. Review New State Community College Legislation

Mr. Elliott provided an overview of the new State Community College Legislation for the Committee's consideration:

- i. AB 21 (Kalra) Public Postsecondary Education: Access to Higher Education for Every Student: This bill was aimed to put provisions in place for immigration enforcement actions and to prevent confidential information from being released. It would also provide students with information, resources, and dedicated staff who would serve as points of contact.
- ii. AB 1435 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) The College Athlete Protection Act: This bill stated that any school organization with an academic program would pay into it; Community Colleges would pay \$1,000 a year. It created a commission that was aimed at student protection regarding study time, practice time, and meeting graduation standards. Dr. Serban stated that Community Colleges already had a commission that does this. We support that commission and she felt this bill would be a waste of money. CCLC opposed it and would like Community Colleges to be omitted from this bill. The Committee requested to continue to watch.
- iii. AB 1651 (Reyes) Community Colleges: Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave and Investigations: Dr. Vyskocil explained that this bill would be put in place to protect faculty and would put restrictions on when and how they are placed on administrative leave. Mr. Elliot stated that this bill had moved. Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson felt the Board did not need to take action due to political ramifications, however, Dr. Vyskocil recommended that the Chancellor write a letter by Monday, July 3rd, that would oppose the bill. The Committee agreed.
- iv. SB 25 (Portantino) Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition Exemption: This bill's language was ultimately placed in the budget trailer bill and the bill would not move forward this year.

- v. SB 694 (Newman) California Community Colleges: Veteran Resource Centers: This bill's language was ultimately placed in the budget trailer bill and the bill would not move forward this year.

11. Update on 2017-18 State Budget

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the State Budget.

- The budget was signed the day prior to this meeting, July 28th.
- There were no line item vetoes, no reductions, and no eliminations on the main budget bill.
- Mr. Elliott gave an overview in regards to the Facilities Funding- The legislature wanted all 29 projects to pass, both sides approved them all, it was kept out of conference but pulled back in through the Prop 98 package. The Administration ultimately passed only 15 of the 29 projects. CCCD had 1 of 2 proposals passed. Mr. Elliott stated that they would continue to work with the Chancellor's office to put forward the other 14 projects into their budget request to the Administration, which would be submitted around December. At that point, the January budget would be reviewed and CCCD would begin advocacy again.

12. Discussion of Other Items

- a. District Legislative Breakfast: Ms. Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, discussed the District Legislative Breakfast that was last year and suggested that we hold another breakfast this year. Trustee Prinsky and Trustee Patterson supported this suggestion.
- b. Ms. Clark discussed the exhibit, A Country in Syria, that would come in November-December.

13. Future Meeting Dates

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to hold the next meeting on September 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

14. Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for Future Agenda Items.

15. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



Interim Secretary of the Board