
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, September 7, 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 2:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor; Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Dr. Andreea Serban, Vice Chancellor of Education Services and Technology; Nathaniel Harrison, Coastline Community College; Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs State Capitol Director; Kelsey Griffin, Board of Trustees' Office Coordinator

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 June 29, 2017

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2017.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Update on Previously Considered Federal Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on Previously Considered Federal Community College Legislation. She stated that each of the following bills in the "Support" and "Watch" categories had not moved or changed:

- a. Support

- H.R. 496 (Coffman) BRIDGE Act
- H.R. 2353 (Thompson) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
- H.R. 2434 (Mitchell) College Transparency Act
- S. 128 (Graham) BRIDGE Act
- S. 206 (Kaine/Portman) JOBS Act
- S. 1121 (Hatch) College Transparency Act

b. Watch

- H.R. 338 (Rush) To Promote a 21st Century Energy and Manufacturing Workforce
- H.R. 996 (Kihuen) STEP for Veterans Act
- H.R. 1050 (Larsen) Youth Access to American Jobs Act
- H.R. 1609 (Langevin) Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program Act
- H.R. 1837 (Norcross) 21st Century Energy Workforce Act
- H.R. 1880 (Jayapal) College for All Act
- H.R. 2041 (Loebsack) New Jobs Training Act
- H.R. 2045 (Lujan) Community College Energy Training Act
- H.R. 2046 (Lujan) Peer-Support Specialist Act
- H.R. 2260 (Carbajal) Middle Class CHANCE Act
- H.R. 2451 (Davis) Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act
- H.R. 2782 (Bonamici) RISE Act
- S. 592 (Kaine) Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program Act
- S. 620 (Franken) Community College to Career Act
- S. 748 (Menendez) PROFILED Act
- S. 806 (Sanders) College for All Act
- S. 996 (Heinrich) Middle Class CHANCE Act
- S. 1043 (Bennet) Pay for Student Success Act
- S. 1136 (Hirono) Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act
- S. 1295 (Casey) RISE Act

Ms. Kroeger gave an overview on the BRIDGE and DREAM Acts:

- The BRIDGE Act was introduced early in the year, sponsored by Senator Graham as S. 128 and Congressman Coffman as H.R. 496. This legislation would extend DACA protections for three years. Ms. Kroeger reported possible movement.
- Ms. Kroeger reported the DREAM Act as similar legislation that would make DACA permanent and would also create a pathway to U.S. citizenships. She provided a more in-depth report of the DREAM Act in Item #6 of the agenda.

6. Review of New Federal Community College Legislation

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

- H.R. 3174 (Moulton) CHANCE in TECH Act would create more apprenticeships in the technology sector and included a grant program that would fund community college programs in STEM, CTE or computer technology. Ms. Kroeger reported no movement and recommended watching this bill.
- H.R. 3199 (Desaulnier) Improving Access to Higher Education Act would change reporting procedures for institutions of higher education that had students with disabilities. It would also create grant programs that were

designed to help students with disabilities. Ms. Kroeger reported this legislation was in the early discussion phases.

- H.R. 3204 (Aguilar) On-the-Job Training Tax Credit Act would create a tax credit for employer's job training expenses. Ms. Kroeger stated that this legislation was referred to the House Committee, with no movement.
- S. 1518 (Gardner) CHANCE in TECH Act was similar to the above stated H.R. 3174.
- Ms. Kroeger provided an overview of the DREAM Act S. 1615 and H.R. 3440, which was submitted late and did not make it onto the agenda. This legislation was proposed by Senator Graham and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. Much like the BRIDGE Act, it would extend DACA by creating a temporary protection status and would outline the provisions within DACA on how to obtain and retain permanent resident status (green card). The DREAM Act would also provide pathway to U.S. citizenship and would include a college affordability provision, allowing undocumented immigrants into the criteria for state tuition and college loans. Ms. Kroeger stated 70% of Republicans believed that DACA should continue in some form and that either the DREAM and/or BRIDGE Act would move in the next couple months.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to support the DREAM Act and to add the new federal bills H.R. 3174 (Moulton), H.R. 3199 (Desaulnier), H.R. 3204 (Aguilar) and S. 1518 (Gardner) to the "Watch" category.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. Update on Previously Considered State Community College Legislation

Mr. Elliott stated September 15th was the last day of session until their return in January. He also provided an overview on the State Community College Legislation that had previously been supported, watched and opposed.

a. Support:

- AB 17 (Holden) Transit Pass Program: Fee or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes would give \$20 million toward supplementing reduced fair transit programs; passed Senate Appropriations Committee 7-0 to the Senate Floor with amendments that made the provisions of the bill contingent upon a budget appropriation. Mr. Elliot reported this bill had good prospects of passing, however, with the amendment it would be delayed at least 6 months.
- SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards and SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program were held in the Suspense File of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and were ineligible for consideration until January 2018.

b. Watch:

- i. AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver was passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee 5-2 with amendments that made the provisions of the bill contingent upon a budget appropriation.
- ii. AB 21 (Kalra) Public Postsecondary Education: Access to Higher Education for Every Student was passed by the Senate Appropriations

- Committee 5-2 with amendments that would delay the bill's implementation until July 1, 2019.
- iii. AB 204 (Medina) Community Colleges: Waiver of Enrollment Fees was held in the Suspense File of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and would be ineligible for consideration until January 2018.
- iv. AB 618 (Low) Local Agency Public Construction Act: Job Order Contracting: School Districts: Community College Districts was passed by the Senate Floor 28-12.
- v. AB 1435 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) The College Athlete Protection Act failed to pass.
- vi. SB 478 (Portantino) Public Postsecondary Education: Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California was passed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee 12-4 to the Assembly Floor.

a. Oppose:

- AB 1651 (Reyes) Community Colleges: Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave and Investigations was referred to the Senate Floor where it had not moved.

8. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update

Mr. Harrison and Dr. Serban reported progress everywhere but California. Massachusetts passed legislation and would move forward with SARA membership, which would leave California as the only state in the Union that was not a member. The Committee agreed to reintroduce in January and schedule a visit to Sacramento late October to early November 2018 to give it one more push.

9. Discussion of Other Items

- a. Claiming apportionment for undocumented noncredit students:
 - Mr. Elliot reported College of the Canyons had an in house legal opinion prepared regarding whether or not they should be allowed to claim apportionment for undocumented noncredit students. Their legal opinion reported that they shouldn't and can't. Dr. Serban reported Title 5 regulation requirements for noncredit students had no residency requirement checks. The Committee requested information on the matter if anything changed.
- b. Sacramento and Washington, DC advocacy trips:
 - The DSC trip to Sacramento was scheduled for March 7, 2018. Trustee Prinsky reported that Student Trustee Venegas wanted to start the process of the trip earlier, however, Mr. Elliot explained the timing was perfect due to the bill introduction deadline in late February, three weeks prior to the March 7th trip.
 - The annual meeting in Washington was scheduled for February 2018 and due to stormy weather and the business during this time, the Committee suggested moving their visit to the second week of April 2018. Mr. Elliot would discuss with Ms. Kroeger and would inform the Committee of their recommendation.
- c. State Budget 2018-19:
 - Capital Outlay Projects: Mr. Elliot reported that one or two Health and Safety Projects were added to the list and the rest were kept to the projects of the 29 that were not included last year, which would total to sixteen or seventeen projects.

10. Future Meeting Dates

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to hold the next meeting on January 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

11. Future Agenda Items


- a. SARA update

12. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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



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