
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, February 1, 2018 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 2:02 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 Educational Services and Technology; Joycelyn Groot, Executive Dean of Military Education at Coastline College; Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs State Capitol Director; Steven Sherry, Townsend Public Affairs Associate; Austin Webster, Townsend Public Affairs Senior Associate; Jane Burton, Manager and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to appoint Trustee Patterson as Chair and Trustee Prinsky as Vice Chair of the Committee.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of September 7, 2017

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 7, 2017.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. 2017 Federal Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on 2017 Federal Community College Legislation. She reported many bills were related to immigration, a path for Dreamers was currently being negotiated, and 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
 - H.R. 3174 (Moulton) CHANCE in TECH Act
 - H.R. 3199 (Desaulnier) Improving Access to Higher Education Act
 - H.R. 3204 (Aguilar) On-the-Job Training Tax Credit 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
 - S. 1518 (Gardner) CHANCE in TECH Act
 - S. 1615 (Graham) and H.R. 3440 (Roybal-Allard) Dream Act

7. Review of New Federal Community College Legislation

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

- H.R. 4508 (Foxx) PROSPER Act was introduced late last year and was moving quickly. It was reported as a controversial version of the Higher Education bill in the house. The bill would have changes to programmatic rates, federal loan programs, the amount students were permitted to borrow from the federal government, regulation on gainful employment and borrower defense, accountability, and would eliminate state authorization requirements. A letter had previously been sent from Chancellor Weispfenning opposing this bill. Trustee Prinsky recommended drafting another opposition letter, while still recognizing the beneficial positives, from the Board President to be taken to the full Board for their review and consideration of support at the second Board of Trustees meeting in February.
- H.R. 4286 (Loebsack) VET Act would provide grants to employers if they entered into partnerships with community colleges and created programs for training veterans for new jobs. Ms. Kroeger suggested adding this bill to the “watch” list.

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to oppose H.R. 4508 PROSPER Act and move H.R. 4286 VET Act to the “Watch” category.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

8. 2017 State Community College Legislation Wrap Up

Mr. Elliott reported the first year of the legislative session had concluded and the Governor took action on all remaining bills that were pending; he also provided an overview on the passed, vetoed, and failed State Community College Legislation that had previously been supported, watched, and opposed by the committee:

- a. Support:
 - AB 17 (Dolden) Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes – VETOED
 - SB 15 (Leyva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant C Awards – FAILED
 - SB 769 (Hill) Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program - FAILED
- b. Watch:
 - AB 19 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Enrollment Fee Waiver – PASSED
 - AB 21 (Kalra) Access to Higher Education for Every Student – PASSED
 - AB 618 (Low) Job Order Contracting: School Districts: Community College Districts – PASSED
 - SB 478 (Portantino) Transfer of Community College Students to the California State University or University of California – VETOED
 - AB 204 (Medina) Community Colleges: Waiver of Enrollment Fees - FAILED
- c. Oppose:
 - AB 1651 (Reyes) Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave and Investigations – PASSED

9. Review of New State Community College Legislation

- AB 1805 (Irwin) Community Colleges: placement policies would require community college districts to provide public notice of their policies; meant to address any cleanup of AB 705.
- AB 1858 (Calderon) Student Financial Aid: Financial Aid Shopping Sheet would require institutes of higher education to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet as developed by the United States Department of Education.
- SB 691 (Lara) Educational Equity: Immigration Status would provide additional protections in access to post-secondary education, referencing immigration as a protected class. This was a two-year bill and was moving.

Mr. Elliot reported that once introduced, new bills have to sit for thirty days before being heard by a committee; with the February 16, 2018 new bill introduction deadline, bills would not move into their first policy committee until mid to late March.

10. Discussion of Other Items

a. State Budget 2018-19:

Mr. Austin provided the following items included in the Governor's proposed 2018-19 Budget:

- \$33.7 billion dedicated for Higher Education funding.
- Just under \$10 billion of the \$33.7 billion would be funded for California Community Colleges; a 6.5% increase from the previous year.
- A new funding formula divided between Base Grant, Supplemental Grant, and Student Success Incentive Grant. There would also be a Hold Harmless Provision, which would fill in gaps in district funding during the first year of the new formula.
- \$44.9 million in general obligation funds for 5 new projects and 15 continuing projects, which included the OCC Language Arts and Social Science Building and GWC Language Arts Complex, was included in the proposal.
- \$100 million in one-time funds and \$20 million ongoing funds (expected to increase to \$35 million with the revise) were proposed for the Online Community College program.
- \$49 million in ongoing funding to support the California College Promise, legislation AB 19, which would provide one year of free tuition to all full-time students in community colleges.

b. Sacramento and Washington, DC advocacy trips:

- Trustee Prinsky reported a very good visit to Sacramento recently.
- Trustees Moreno and Patterson, and the Chancellor would be in Washington, DC mid-February and Ms. Kroeger provided an overview of meeting schedules and warned of a possible government shutdown during the trip.
- The committee discussed tentative dates in late April, proposed April 23-25, to visit Washington, DC as a second advocacy trip.

11. Future Meeting Dates

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to hold the next meeting on April 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Aye:	Trustee Patterson and Trustee Prinsky
No:	None

Absent: None

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. April Washington, DC Advocacy Trip
- b. State and Federal Legislative Updates

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jane Burran", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Board

