
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Coast Community College District
Special Meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee
Thursday, April 5, 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 Patterson and Trustee Prinsky
Trustees Absent: None

In Attendance: Dr. John Weispfenning, Chancellor; Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations; Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs State Capitol Director; 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. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of February 1, 2018

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 1, 2018.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. Overview: Impacts of 2018 Consolidated Spending Act

Ms. Kroeger provided an overview on the impacts of 2018 Consolidated Spending Act. She reported that the house and senate passed a spending bill for fiscal year 2018-19 with spending increases. The following items were included in the bill:

- \$175 per semester increase in Pell Grant eligibility.
 - Preservation of the public service loan forgiveness program.
 - A large discretionary relief fund to help borrowers with charging loans.
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- Gun violence provisions with background check systems and border security funds- no inclusion of funding for border wall or policy provision that would allow path to citizenship for DREAMERS.

6. Review of Federal Community College Legislation

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on Federal Community College Legislation. She reported on S. 2390 (Duckworth) Community College to Career Act in the "Watch" category and reported minimal movement on the remaining bills in the "Support", "Oppose", and "Watch" categories:

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. Oppose

- H.R. 4508 (Foxx) PROSPER Act

c. Watch

- S. 2390 (Duckworth) Community College to Career Act: Was previously sponsored by Senator Al Franken, Senator Tammy Duckworth took up the sponsorship upon Senator Al Franken's retirement and reintroduced the bill under its new number. Senator Feinstein cosponsored; no movement yet, however, with a California member on the bill there could be a difference in strategy and traction. Text of the bill is included in H.R. 5164 Urban Progress Act, which was designed to expand economic opportunities, improve community policing, and promote common-sense gun violence prevention in underserved communities.
- 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
- H.R. 1468 (Curbelo) Recognizing America's Children (RAC) Act
- H.R. 4286 (Loebsack) VET Act

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted for Townsend to draft a letter in support of S. 2309 (Duckworth) Community College to Career Act and have it 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

d. New

Ms. Kroeger provided an update on the newly introduced Federal Community College Legislation:

- S. 2422 (Stabenow) New Skills for New Jobs Act: Would establish a tax credit to help support job training; referred to the Committee on Finance.
- H.R. 5020 (Loebsack) CTE Act: Would establish a grant to fund secondary school programs that encourage high school students to take CTE courses at community college; referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.
- H.R. 5018 (Kind) Education and Workforce Innovation Act: Would establish a pilot program for community colleges to improve job training; referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to move S. 2422 (Stabenow) New Skills for New Jobs Act, H.R. 5020 (Loebsack) CTE Act, and H.R. 5018 (Kind) Education and Workforce Innovation Act to the "Watch" category.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. Review of State Community College Legislation

Mr. Webster provided an overview on State Community College Legislation and reported on the following bills from the "Support" category:

- AB 1805 (Irwin D) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: Matriculation: Assessment and Placement: A follow up to AB 705 from the prior year- would enable the district and colleges to provide information to students on how they can use different measures for self-placement. Active; moving. Recommended for support.
- AB 1935 (Irwin D) Community Colleges: Related to community college tutoring and the use of apportionment funding for those services. District was in support

of SB 1009 by Senator Wilk - essentially the same bill, but coming from a democratic author in the assembly. Active; moving. Recommended for support.

- AB 2070 (Reyes D) Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention Training: In order for colleges to receive funding for financial aid, they would have to provide information to students at the beginning of the year on how to avoid, deal with, and gain access to resources on campus related to sexual assault and any kind of domestic and dating violence.
- AB 2306 (Santiago D) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Would extend financial aid eligibility for students from four years to six years and would provide additional eligibility if they transfer to a four-year college. Reported as moving.
- AB 2477 (Rubio D) Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons: Would require campuses to designate one current employee as a Dream Resource Liaison rather than requiring colleges to hire in a new position. They would provide vital information and access to resources in one particular area of campus for students who are Dreamers.
- AB 2575 (Santiago D) High School and Community College Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: Charter Schools and Private Schools: Would expand dual enrollment programs to charter schools and private schools.
- AB 2891 (Holden D) High School and Community College Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: Charter Schools: Similar to AB 2575 and would likely be reconciled. Both bills were recommended for support.
- SB 691 (Lara D) Educational Equity: Immigration Status: Would prevent discrimination based on immigration status. Support of this bill was discussed during the recent Student Advocacy Day in Sacramento; the author's office was impressed and asked for a letter of support from the Board of Trustees.
- SB 1009 (Wilk R) Community Colleges: Tutoring: District supported; moved to the Appropriations Committee. Would likely be reconciled with AB 1935.
- SB 1471 (Hernandez D) Cal Grant Program: Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards: Would increase the annual amount that a student is eligible to receive by \$4,250 per year.

On a motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Committee voted for Townsend to draft letters in support of the following ten bills: AB 1805, AB 1935, AB 2070, AB 2306, AB 2477, AB 2575, AB 2891, SB 691, SB 1009, SB 1471 for presentation to the full Board of Trustees for their review and consideration of support.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

8. Discussion of Other Items

a. State Budget 2018-19 Update

Mr. Elliot provided an update on the 2018-19 State Budget:

- Budget Subcommittees met to discuss various proposals of the Governor's January budget.
- February state receipts came in a couple hundred million dollars below expectation; revenues were running about \$2.5 billion above the January budget projections.

- Online College Proposal was not well received; there was not sufficient information presented in order to make logical conclusions about the proposal.
 - New Funding Formula: Mr. Webster reported it was inevitable to move from the old formula, however, there was concern due to the abrupt change. There were negotiations of a second year of hold harmless funding for some of the districts, or something similar, as part of the agreement.
 - The May Revise would take place in mid-May.
 - Within the Governor's January budget proposal there was funding for the Language Arts Complex at Golden West College and there was no reported anticipation of changes or removal of projects.
- b. Recap Sacramento Advocacy Trip
- Mr. Elliot and Mr. Webster reported positive feedback from representatives that met with the students.
- c. Washington, DC Advocacy Trips
- Trustee Patterson canceled the second advocacy trip to Washington, DC, tentatively scheduled for April 2018.
 - Trustees Patterson reported that he and the Chancellor met with the Department of Education and were very pleased with the discussion. He requested that Townsend draft a responsive letter to the representatives.

9. Future Meeting Dates

On a motion by Trustee Prinsky, seconded by Trustee Patterson, the Committee voted to hold the next meeting on June 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

10. Future Agenda Items

- a. Bill Update
- b. Budget Update
- c. 2018 Consolidating Spending Act Update
- d. DACA Update

11. Adjourn

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

Motion carried with the following vote:

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


 Secretary of the Board

