

LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Study Session

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Lake Tahoe Community College
Room L104
6:00 p.m. Open Session

MINUTES

Present: Molly Blann, Karen Borges, Kerry David, Roberta Mason, Fritz Wenck
Staff: Julie Booth, Peter Bostic, Virginia Boyar, Pete Dixon, Kurt Green, Tom Greene, Aaron McVean, Kindred Murillo, Tracy Thomas, Megan Waskiewicz
Absent: Alicia Agnew
Guests: Peter Fink, Jonathan Moore

Call to Order Board President Karen Borges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies Board President Karen Borges led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed CACE Director, Peter Bostic to LTCC, and welcomed back Michelle Risdon and guests in the audience.

Study Session

California Voting Rights Act and Potential Move to Trustee Area Elections The Lake Tahoe Community College District (LTCCD) has been responsive to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) to avoid potential legal actions. LTCCD initiated a CVRA analysis based on a board that is elected at large and due to the presence of a protected class within the district. Over 31% of the population of the City of South Lake Tahoe and 23.9% of the LTCCD was identified as Hispanic. Recent elections data from 2009 and 2011, and 2010 consensus data indicated the need to move forward. LTCCD would be vulnerable to a CVRA challenge if at-large elections continue.

Dr. Murillo noted a joint meeting with LTUSD and LTCCD was formed and are committed to moving through the process together in order to ensure the best outcome for both Districts and the community are seen. On

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December 11, 2012, the LTUSD passed a resolution initiating a move to a trustee area election format. LTCCD staff has been working in the Joint Committee to bring forward recommendation to their respective Boards related to moving from odd to even year elections and identifying area boundaries for by-trustee area election format.

The LTCCD would need to submit a resolution in an effort to finalize the move to trustee area elections to the Chancellor's office by March. Staff has asked the board to give direction on pursuing a move to a trustee area election format as well as the criteria deemed appropriate for identifying these changes.

Aaron McVean and Superintendent/President Dr. Murillo presented highlights of the analysis and principles for the development of trustee area plans. Discussion was held related to the different options and principles and directed staff to bring a resolution forward on January 22, 2013 for recommendation to approve moving to a trustee area election format. One board member suggested looking at other maps; following discussion, the Board requested staff to work to have the same trustee boundaries as LTUSD overall. (*Attachment A*)

Consolidation of Trustee Elections to General Even Year Elections

Discussion took place regarding consolidating Board of Trustee elections from odd-years to even-year general elections. Pros for the even year elections include a reduction in costs, and a higher voter turnout. Cons include potentially higher costs of campaigning for candidates that would be competing with state and federal candidates, more partisan politics due to state and federal races and issues, and potential dilution of local focus due to numerous other ballot items at the county, state, and federal level. Board terms would be extended one year based on this move for the next two election cycles. Board Trustees Roberta Mason, Kerry David, and Molly Blann, whose terms are up in 2013, would be extended to 2014. Board Trustees Fritz Wenck and Karen Borges would be extended from 2015 to 2016.

The Board directed staff to investigate moving forward with a resolution to begin the process of consolidation of Trustee elections to general even-year elections.

First Readings

Proposed Revisions to the 2013/14 College Catalog

VPASSS, Dr. Tom Greene reviewed the proposed changes for the 2013/14 College Catalog. These revisions are a result of action taken by the Curriculum Committee, and will return to the next Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for January 22, 2013.

Changes include modifications to 235 existing courses, 157 new courses, 113 inactivations, 75 deletions and 123 changes to repeatability only; a total of 704 courses were processed. Dr. Greene reviewed impacts to enrollment, repeatability changes and new families that were created which include special topics and previously inactivated or deleted courses.

Pete Dixon, Articulation Officer and Curriculum Committee Chair has been working with faculty, staff and deans to develop additional transfer degrees while ensuring LTCC meets the Chancellor's office goals. Currently, 50% of LTCC's mandated transfer degrees have been approved and there are several new AA and AS degree options being considered. The majority of transfer degrees are comprised of courses that have been assigned a Course Identification number (C-ID); staff and faculty are working to ensure all courses have been given a C-ID designation by June, 2014 as mandated by the CCC Chancellor's office.

Other changes include College Level Examination Program (CLEP) courses and International Baccalaureate (IB) course credits by examination and changes to general education patterns.

Future areas of focus include new, expanded and revitalized programs which include certificates, programs, degrees and program expansions.

Dr. Murillo acknowledged the hard work of the faculty, staff and administrators who have dedicated countless hours in curriculum meetings. *(Attachment B)*

***Hearing of the Public on
Items on the Agenda***

Peter Fink, who represented the public, and the Parks and Recreation Department, addressed the Board on the Nordic Ski Center proposal. A recreation based resort town is a great opportunity for the residents and visitors and envisions regaining a Nordic Team on campus. The college is the heart of the community and having this type of facility would be a wonderful addition.

Jonathan Moore who is commissioner for the City of South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation also addressed the Board with excitement for this proposal and looks forward to seeing this concept come to reality.

Action Items

***Consideration of Approval
of Fees for Spring Quarter
2013***

Moved Wenck/Seconded Blann/Passed unanimously to approve the fees for Spring Quarter 2013 as presented. *(Attachment B)*

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Consideration of Approval of a Community Nordic Ski Center Moved Blann/Seconded David/Passed unanimously to approve the Community Nordic Ski Center as presented.

Community Education Director, Megan Waskiewicz presented a proposal from the South Lake Tahoe Community Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Club and answered questions from the Board. Discussion was held related to vitality of the program, logistics related to development, and funding. The center would offer five kilometers of groomed track for community enjoyment and has been endorsed by Forest Supervisor, Nancy Gibson.
(Attachments D, E)

Next Meeting Date The next Regular meeting of the Lake Tahoe Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6:15 p.m., in room L104 on the College campus.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Signed by Kindred Murillo
Secretary
Board of Trustees
Julie Booth

ADOPTED AND ORDERED INTO THE MINUTES

Kindred Murillo, Secretary

January 22, 2013
Date