

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

November 18, 2008

Agenda Item: 4.4

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad—19th International Forensics Association World Tournament to Montreal, Canada, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College forensics team, LPC Talk Hawks, has been invited to participate in the 19th Annual International Forensics Association (IFA) World Tournament in Montreal, Canada held March 2009. Eight students and two faculty coaches would like to represent the College at the tournament during the period March 14, 2009 through March 21, 2009. The LPC Talk Hawks earned the invitation to this highly prestigious competition by performing extremely well locally, Top Forensics program in Northern California and at previous IFA competitions held in the Czech Republic and Argentina. This year the Talk Hawks have competed at two local tournaments and have won both. The team has the potential to be the best Las Positas College has seen in over ten years.

Las Positas College is a member of the Northern California Forensics Association (NCFA). In Spring 2009, the Talk Hawks plan to host the first annual Talk Hawk Invitational, compete at NCFA Championship Tournament, PSCFA Championship Tournament, State Championships, and Phi Rho Pi Nationals in Portland, Oregon.

Board Policies and Administrative Rules and Procedures 6216-Field Trips and 6217-Travel Study Programs, along with materials from our insurance broker have been reviewed. The District is in compliance with each of these and has secured all necessary and required waivers.

The Board of Trustees approved similar IFA Tournament travel requests to the Czech Republic on February 21 under item 4.4 and to Argentina on November 14, 2006 under item 4.4.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed travel abroad request for the 19th International Forensics Association Tournament to Montreal, Canada, Las Positas College, during the period March 14, 2009 through March 21, 2009. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the appropriate documents pertaining to this event on behalf of the District.

Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon/Date

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