

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

February 15, 2011

Agenda item: 4.2

Subject: Approval of Exploration to Establish a Sister College Relationship Between Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology and Chabot College

Background: The City of Hayward has developed a sister city relationship with the city of Yixing in Jiangsu Province, China. Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology offers lower division educational programs and services to the residents of Yixing City and other nearby localities in Jiangsu Province. Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology has expressed an interest in establishing a Sister College relationship with Chabot College through the Hayward-Yixing Sister City Committee. This interest has been presented to the President of Chabot College and to the Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

The leadership at Chabot College recommends an exploration of entering into this Sister College relationship with Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China. This exploration could begin Spring 2011 and conclude by Fall 2011.

The potential outcome of this Sister College relationship could be:

- 1.) Global recognition of Chabot College, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District and Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology for valuing and nurturing diversity and commitment to multi-cultural awareness.
- 2.) Opportunities to explore the development of curriculum and dual degree programs through traditional and/or distance learning modalities. Opportunities to explore curriculum development may be discipline or program specific, skill specific, field experience specific or of any other nature beneficial to the students enrolled at both colleges.
- 3.) Opportunities for international student exchanges between Chabot College and Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology.
- 4.) Opportunities to increase the enrollments of international students.
- 5.) Opportunities to enhance the educational experience of Chabot College students and Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology students.
- 6.) Opportunities to provide financial benefits to Chabot College by the fees generated through enrollments of Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology students for one or multiple semesters.

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Recommended Action:

That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed exploration of entering into a Sister College relationship between Wuxi City College of Vocational Technology and Chabot College. A report of this exploration will be presented to the Board during the Fall of 2011 for further action.

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Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon/Date

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