

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

March 15, 2011

Agenda Item: 4.5

Subject: Acceptance of Subaward Agreement No. 542384 between Chabot College and the Community College Research Center of Teachers College, Columbia University

Background: The primary research questions guiding data collection and analysis are:

1. Chabot College has become increasingly well-known for its innovative course in accelerated developmental English. The program has been highlighted in several major research studies and the statewide Basic Skills Initiative, 3CSN. Chabot English Instructor, Dr. Katie Hern, has led a statewide project to support other California colleges to develop similar courses on their own campuses. Because Chabot's program is one of the most long-established and large-scale models of acceleration across the country, the Community College Research Center (CCRC) of Teachers College, Columbia University, has proposed to conduct a formal study of the course and its outcomes.
2. How do short and long-term academic outcomes for students who enroll in Chabot's accelerated developmental English course compare to those who enroll in the two-semester sequence?
3. How do the assessment, placement, and academic advising processes influence students' course-taking patterns as well as academic outcomes?
4. How do faculty and students perceive and experience the different developmental English course formats?
5. What types of instructional approaches are used in Chabot's developmental English courses and how do those approaches vary across faculty and course format?
6. What is the cost to the institution of Chabot's accelerated developmental English course per successful student relative to the two-semester sequence?

This subaward agreement to study the accelerated English program at Chabot College is part of a larger CCRC project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The CCRC will provide \$25,509 to compensate Chabot College to offset costs associated with data sharing and research review. In addition, the subaward agreement lists the specifications for the data to be shared with CCRC.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Subaward Agreement No. 542384 between Chabot College and the Community College Research Center of Teachers College, Columbia University, in the amount of \$25,509 for the period of January 1, 2011 through May 30, 2012. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement and any future augmentations or amendments to the agreement on behalf of the District.

Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon /Date

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