

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

July 17, 2012

Agenda Item: 4.1

Subject: Acceptance of Grant Award--California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA), Chabot College

Background: Chabot College is accepting a \$50,500 grant award from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Funds support establishing a new MESA Program at Chabot College. The MESA program academically prepares its program students for transfer to four-year institutions, to assure their ability to attain baccalaureate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields.

The MESA program model is comprised of 13 Core Components that include: Academic Excellence Workshops that teach collaborative learning techniques, a special orientation course for MESA students, a dedicated study center, career advising and exploration of STEM options, transfer assistance, scholarships and partnerships with student and professional organizations. The Chabot MESA Program will provide all 13 Core MESA Components which includes frequent, sustained and prolonged academic and student support services, including case management by the MESA Counselor.

The Chabot MESA Program will benefit all Chabot students, but will target underrepresented minorities in STEM, in particular Latino, African-American, and Pacific-Islander students. Taking into account the student population at Chabot, low-income, first-generation students majoring in STEM fields will also be targeted. The program will serve a total of 100 students from these targeted populations during the first year and expanded in subsequent years, if renewed.

The District and College have also developed a plan for institutionalizing the Chabot MESA Program and the MESA Project Director. MESA is a key element of the multiple student success initiatives at the College and is a part of its Strategic Plan to increase student success and transfer while supporting Chabot's commitment to being a Hispanic-serving institution.

Funding for the project is in the amount of \$50,500 for the period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with the possibility of annual renewals of up to five years pending.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees accepts the proposed grant award for Chabot College in the amount of \$50,500 for the period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the grant award on behalf of the District.

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