

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

October 16, 2012

Agenda Item: 4.4

Subject: Approval for Travel Study Program-"Faces of Cuba" and Agreement with Global Exchange Reality Tours, Chabot College

Background: In accordance with Board Policy 6217, Travel Study Programs, a course has been designed that involves travel and studies abroad. "Faces of Cuba" travel study has been immensely popular. This course will be offered during Winter Break, January 4 through January 17, 2013 as a one (1) unit course. The History discipline supports and affirms the importance of travel studies in Program Reviews.

The cost per participant for the Cuban travel studies program is approximately \$2,750.00, based on a minimum of 20-25 participants, excluding airfare. The program includes accommodations, guides, ground transportation, activities and meals. A deposit of \$1,000 is required with application and final payment due 45 days in advance of travel.

Course studies examining Cuba are relative to the disciplines of history, anthropology and archaeology. Participants will gather information through direct and participatory observation. Moreover, the contemporary issues facing the United States today surrounding immigration and international relations are extremely relevant for our students and the communities we serve.

The Board of Trustees previously approved travel agreements with Global Exchange Reality Tours to Cuba on October 18, 2011 under item 4.3, May 17, 2011 under item 4.4, Mexico on February 19, 2008 under item 4.3 and 4.4, February 24, 2004 under item 4.5 and 4.6, August 19, 2003 under item 4.1, October 15, 2002 under item 4.7, September 18, 2001 under item 4.3, March 20, 2001 under item 4.4 and August 15, 2000 under item 4.2.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed travel study program, "Faces of Cuba" and the agreement with Global Exchange Reality Tours, Chabot College, for travel during Winter Break, January 4 through January 17, 2013. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

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Approved: Judy E. Walters/Date

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