

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

June 25, 2013

Agenda Item: 4.3

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad—Spanish Independent Study Course-International Travel to Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College Spanish Department is planning to offer an independent study course in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba during Carnival 2013 from July 22-27, 2013. This course will be taught to one student by one full-time Spanish instructor as part of the Faces of Cuba Program. The purpose of this trip is to expose the student to the history of religion and slavery in the Caribbean through the study of Carnival. The learning, linguistic and cultural exposure that is gained from participating in a travel-study trip outweighs the educational opportunities provided to students in a traditional face-to-face course. This independent study trip will allow the Faces of Cuba Program to offer a more expansive travel-study program to Las Positas College students.

Board Policies 6216 (Field Trips) and 6217 (Travel Study Program), Administrative Rules and Procedures, and 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.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the Spanish Independent Study Course-International Travel to Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, during Carnival 2013 from July 22, 2013 through July 27, 2013. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the appropriate documents pertaining to this event on behalf of the District.

Submitted by: Jeffrey M. Kingston/Date

Approved: Judy E. Walters/Date

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