

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

September 16, 2014

Agenda Item: 3.1

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – Spanish Department to Oaxaca, Mexico for Participation in Day of the Dead Program and Agreement with Global Exchange Reality Tours, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College Spanish Department is planning a travel/study experience for students in Spanish 1A and Spanish 1B for participation in a traditional Day of the Dead Program being held in and around the City of Oaxaca, Mexico. At least ten students and one faculty member (Catherine Suárez) will participate in the experience from October 28, 2014 through November 7, 2014.

The cost per participant for the Day of the Dead travel program is approximately \$1,400, excluding airfare. The program includes accommodations, guides, ground transportation, activities, and meals. A deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration, and final payment due September 14, 2014.

The purpose of the trip is to provide LPC Spanish-language students with authentic linguistic and cultural experiences in a fully Spanish-speaking environment. This trip will allow students to take their learning beyond the walls of their classroom, as other students have experienced with previous board approved trips.

The Board of Trustees has previously approved travel to Mexico and Cuba on June 25, 2013 Item 4.3; October 16, 2012 Item 4.4; May 17, 2011 Item 4.4; February 16, 2010 Item 4.1; and May 20, 2008 Item 4.3.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the Las Positas College Spanish Department’s travel/study experience for students in Spanish 1A and Spanish 1B, and the agreement with Global Exchange Reality Tours, for participation in traditional Day of the Dead Program in and around the City of Oaxaca, Mexico, during October 28, 2014 through November 7, 2014. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement and appropriate documents pertaining to this event on behalf of the District.

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Submitted: Lorenzo Legaspi/Date

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Approved: Jannett N. Jackson/Date

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