

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

October 20, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.2

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – International Forensics Association Tournament to Vienna, Austria, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College forensics team, LPC Talk Hawks, has been invited to participate in the International Forensics Association Tournament in Vienna, Austria, during March 2016. Approximately eight students and two faculty coaches would like to represent the Collage at the tournament. The purpose of this trip is to expose our students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as foreign institutions. This team has the potential to uphold the successful records that the LPC Talk Hawks have maintained throughout the history of the College.

The Talk Hawks have participated in this competition five times in the past: in Barcelona, Spain (December 9, 2014 under item 3.2); Paris, France (January 21, 2014 under item 3.7); Antwerp, Belgium (January 15, 2013 under item 4.4); Rome, Italy (November 15, 2011 under item 4.5); Montreal, Canada (November 18, 2008 under item 4.4); Buenos Aires, Argentina (November 14, 2006 under item 4.4); and Prague, Czech Republic (February 21, 2006 under item 4.4). In 2006 and 2009, LPC had the International Champion in Informative Speaking. In 2007, LPC finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009, LPC finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall at the competition, and in 2013, LPC collected six individual awards and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Community College Division, and 6<sup>th</sup> Place overall.

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 proposed Travel Abroad for the LPC Talk Hawks International Forensics Association Tournament to Vienna, Austria, during March 2016. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the appropriate documents pertaining to this event on behalf of the District.

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Approved: Jannett N. Jackson/Date

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