

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

January 16, 2018

Agenda Item: 4.12

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – International Forensics Association Tournament to Montreal, Canada, Las Positas College

Background: The Las Positas College (LPC) Forensics Team, LPC Talk Hawks, has been invited to attend the International Forensics Association Tournament in Montreal, Canada, March 9-18, 2018.

The purpose of this trip is to expose LPC students to the highest caliber of competition from both the United States as well as foreign institutions. The students are, once again, ready for the challenge. It has been LPC Forensics' experience that the learning and cultural exposure that comes from participation at these international competitions far outweighs the educational opportunities that are provided from similar tournaments held here in the Bay Area. Typically, the best forensics programs in the country attend this event, so it is also an opportunity for Las Positas College to be exposed and showcased to the top speech and debate institutions around the world. LPC continues to have its student competitors awarded scholarships from 4-year institutions as a direct result of their success at this tournament.

Since 2006, the Talk Hawks have participated in this esteemed competition nine times, including trips to the Czech Republic, Argentina, Canada, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Austria, and Peru.

The Talk Hawks have won many international championship awards. In 2017, LPC had the International Champion in Persuasive Speaking and Communication Analysis and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Community College Division. In 2006, 2009, and 2016, LPC had the International Champion in Informative Speaking. LPC students also earned International Championships in After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, and Duo Interpretation. In 2007 and 2016 LPC finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009 and 2016, LPC finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall at the competition.

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.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Travel Abroad for the International Forensics Association Tournament to Montreal, Canada, Las Positas College. 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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