

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

December 4, 2018

Agenda Item: 4.2

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – International Forensics Associations Tournament to Berlin, Germany, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College

Background: Las Positas College forensics team, LPC Talk Hawks, has been invited to participate in the International Forensics Association Tournament in Berlin, Germany, March 8-17, 2019. 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. 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. We continue to have competitors awarded scholarships from 4-year institutions as a direct result of their participation (and success) at this tournament.

Since 2006, the Las Positas College Talk Hawks have participated in this esteemed competition ten times, including trips to the Czech Republic, Argentina, Canada, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Austria, and Peru and have won many international championship awards. In 2017, the Talk Hawks had the International Champion in Persuasive Speaking and Communication Analysis and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Community College Division. We also earned International Championships in After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, and Duo Interpretation. In 2007 and 2016, the Talk Hawks finished as the top two-year institution at the tournament. In 2009 and 2016, the Talk Hawks finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall at the competition.

Board Policies 4300 (Field Trips) and 4027 (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 International Forensics Association Tournament to Berlin, Germany, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, 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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Submitted: Ronald P. Gerhard /Date

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Approved: Thomas M. Fallo/Date

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