

## CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

February 19, 2019

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**Subject:** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Host the Deputy Sector Navigator between Rancho Santiago Community College District and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College

Background: Chabot College has been awarded a grant of \$200,000 to host the Deputy Sector Navigator for Business and Entrepreneurship. Under Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy, an initiative of the Workforce and Economic Development division of the California Community College Chancellor's Office, each region is provisioned with a set of Deputy Sector Navigators. These positions work with colleges and industry to assist colleges to better align their programs with the needs of employers with the goals of: 1) increasing the number of students who enter employment that pays livable wages, and 2) reducing shortages of qualified candidates for positions critical to a region's most important industries. The creation of this network of sector navigators had strong support from regional and larger scale employers who are eager to benefit from a stronger connection with the community college system, but have found it difficult to simultaneously engage with a large number of colleges. The 28-college Bay Area Community College Consortium (BACCC) has been assigned 14 of these positions. Each position is hosted at one of the colleges.

The strength of Chabot College's academic Business Discipline, which is one of the larger programs in the region, makes us an ideal host for this position. While the position is charged with serving the region, our department will benefit substantially from the market intelligence gathered by this person, both on the employer side and from understanding what other colleges that are offering that is particularly successful.

Board approval is requested to accept the \$200,000 grant from Rancho Santiago Community College District, the fiscal agent for this program. Board approval is also requested to enter into an 11-month professional services contract for \$142,000 for professional services and \$2,750 mileage stipend with Micah Merrick, the DSN chosen through a process administered by the Chancellor's Office and Rancho Santiago CCD. This contract is paid for by the grant. The balance of grant funds cover indirect expenses, administrative expenses, travel and supplies costs, and investments in the program and professional development for Chabot and regional faculty.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Host the Deputy Sector Navigator between Rancho Santiago Community College District and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Chabot College. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to approve the agreement on behalf of the District.

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Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard /Date

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