

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

December 14, 2021

Agenda Item: 4.10

Subject: Approval to Travel Abroad – International Forensics Association’s Tournament to Mexico City, Mexico, Las Positas College

Background: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College’s Forensics Team (The Talk Hawks) plans to attend the International Forensics Association’s Championship Speech Tournament from March 11 to March 18, 2022 and held in Mexico City, Mexico.

The purpose of this trip is to provide our students experience at the highest caliber of competition with the United States as well as foreign institutions. The education and cultural exposure that comes from international competition participation far outweighs the educational opportunities from similar tournaments held locally. Over the years, numerous participants on the team have changed their majors and career plans because of their participation at this tournament. Typically, the best Forensics Programs from the United States attend this event so this is also an opportunity for Las Positas College to be exposed and showcased to the top speech and debate institutions around the world. Because of this tournament, our district has had students recruited to institutions such as George Mason University, Bradley University, Illinois State University, and The University of Alabama.

The Talk Hawks have participated in this esteemed competition eleven times, which have included trips to the Czech Republic, Germany, Argentina, Belgium, France, Spain, Austria and Peru. LPC has a tremendous history of success at this event. Over the years LPC has produced 9 International Champions, in 2007 and 2016 LPC finished as the top-ranked two-year institution at the tournament, and we have finished in the top-6 overall at the competition nine times.

Board Policies 4300 (Field Trips) and 4027 (Travel Abroad 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 – Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College Forensics Team to International Forensics Association’s Tournament in Mexico City, March 11-18, 2022. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Theresa F. Rowland/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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