

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

August 16, 2022

Agenda Item: 4.4

Subject: Approval for Las Positas College Faculty Danielle Odom, Salem Admassu, Eric Bell, and Tracey Coleman to Travel to Ghana, West Africa, September 19-24, 2022 to Attend the All African Diaspora Education Summit

Background: The All African Diaspora Education Summit 2022, sponsored by the A2MEND California organization, and hosted at the University of Cape Coast, will allow participants to: build partnerships across the diaspora with Black educators and Black educational institutions, learn pedagogical values embedded in the African way of life, exchange curriculum and practices, contribute to a global think-tank of Pan-Africanists to advise African leaders and organizations both home and abroad, and explore educational exchange programs to support Las Positas College's Global Studies Program. The Summit brings together educational practitioners and students from around the world to work together to develop innovative and collaborative approaches to support Black student success.

Attendance at this Summit is aligned with the Las Positas College Educational Master Plan, Goal E: Equity and Anti-Racism, which is to establish Las Positas College as a destination campus for Black students and other students of color by nurturing culturally-informed and equity-focused curriculum, strengthening access to support services, and creating physical and virtual cultural centers.

As faculty, Danielle Odom and Salem Admassu serve as Umoja program co-coordinators, Eric Bell serves as the coordinator of the LPC Brother 2 Brother program, and Tracey Coleman teaches Business Law, Business Ethics & Society, and International Business and serves as the LPC Academic Senate President. All four faculty are also members of the College's Black Educators Association (BEA). The Summit will allow the faculty, in their respective capacities, to further enhance culturally-informed program and curriculum development for students.

Board Policy 7400 (Travel), Administrative Procedure 7400 (Travel) 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.

Funding Source: SEA Funds.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed Travel for Las Positas College Faculty Danielle Odom, Salem Admassu, Eric Bell, and Tracey Coleman to Ghana, West Africa, September 19-24, 2022 to attend the All African Diaspora Education Summit. 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.

Submitted: Theresa Fleischer Rowland/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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