

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

September 13, 2022

Agenda Item: 4.5

Subject: Approval of Agreement – Subrecipient Commitment for California Learning Labs Social Tools to Support Collaborative and Inclusive Learning in Biology: Communities of Practice Agreement with University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College

Background: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College would like to set up a subrecipient commitment with UCB to complete work on the California Learning Labs Social Tools to Support Collaborative and Inclusive Learning in Biology: Communities of Practice. The grant will scale a previous seed grant (June 16, 2020, Board Item 4.5) that determined how online tools can be leveraged to provide a collaborative learning experience for students in general biology courses across the California public system of higher education. Providing a collaborative learning environment outside of the classroom will provide a space for students to externalize new information, build knowledge, develop their sense of belonging, and build critical study skills, thus reducing achievement gaps for minoritized students.

Funding will support collaborative work amongst California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California faculty involved in general biology courses. Assessment will include surveys, semi-structured interviews, and focus groups of students and participating faculty. Funding will be used to support the LPC faculty members that will be working the project as a team member at a partner institution.

The agreement will be for the period September 15, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Funding Source: \$85,000 through the California Learning Labs Grant awarded to UCB will support LPC’s engagement in the project over two years.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the Subrecipient Commitment for California Learning Labs Social Tools to Support Collaborative and Inclusive Learning in Biology: Communities of Practice Agreement with University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Las Positas College. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to execute this agreement on behalf of the district.

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Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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