

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 24, 2009

ITEM # 23

ITEM TITLE:

Request authorization to resubmit CTE Equipment for Nursing and Allied Health Program proposal for one time purchases of equipment for Merritt College Health Program.

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

ITEM SUMMARY:

The Peralta Community College District and Merritt College originally applied for RFA 07-0125 (Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, Equipment for Nursing and Allied Health Programs) in February, 2008 to help fund the development of a respiratory therapy program at Merritt College. In order to obtain accreditation for a respiratory therapy program, two qualified full time faculty must be hired prior to the admission of the first class. With the budget issues facing the state affecting community colleges, Merritt College and the Peralta District decided that they could not make a commitment to hire two new tenure track faculty. Therefore, the work in developing this program came to a standstill at this time. Fortunately, we held off using any of the grant funds approved for this purpose while waiting for the authorization to hire two new tenure track faculty mandated by accreditation.

Upon learning that it was not feasible to commit to hiring two new full time tenure track faculty, the grant project director contacted the State Chancellor's Office and requested authorization to use these funds for other allied health programs at Merritt College. Recently, we received authorization to resubmit this proposal for one time purchases for the Merritt College Allied Health Programs that meet all of the requirements of this grant.

The Merritt College Allied Health Programs intend to use these funds to purchase simulation mannequins, skills lab equipment (electric hospital beds, headwall systems, and up to date multimedia software/equipment/supplies) for the Vocational Nursing Program, the Medical Assisting Program, the Radiological Technology Program and the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The amount to be approved is not to exceed \$164,557.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Chancellor's recommends approval.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

State Chancellor's Office, Sacramento.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Rebecca Kenney and Kathleen Bauer

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X
_____ IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: C. Fairley
[Carmen N. Fairley, Staff Services Specialist]

Date: 3/18/09

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: W. E. Allen
[Wise E. Allen, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services]

Date: 3/18/09

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: Thomas Smith Date: 3/18/09
Thomas Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Elihu Harris, Chancellor