

Board of Trustees Agenda Report

For the Trustee Meeting Date of May 24, 2011

ITEM TITLE: INTENT TO APPLY FOR 2011 GEAR UP GRANT – College of Alameda, Laney College, Berkeley City College, Merritt College. One, two, three or all of the colleges may participate in the GEAR UP Grant. Here in after will be referred in the document as the Peralta Community College District.

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE COLLEGE OF PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR THE 2011 GEAR UP GRANT.

ITEM SUMMARY: The Peralta Community College District plans to apply for a seven-year Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant to be funded by the United States Department of Education (USDOE). GEAR UP is a federal grant designed to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The grant provides services at high-poverty middle and high schools and through the first year of college. The grant would commence in fall 2011.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT): Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant to be funded by the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS: The Peralta Community College District has several existing programs that support the overall goal of the GEAR UP project. For example, the

- Student Services Division at College of Alameda is currently an active member of the CSU East Bay Advisory Council GEAR UP Project (Project SOAR).
- The College of Alameda has an existing partnership with Alameda Unified School District as the campus is the "home" of Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI). ASTI is a small college preparatory high school with a community of staff, students, and parents/guardians who are all focused on the shared goal of college-readiness.
- Student Services Divisions have existing programs designed to increase student and family knowledge of college options, preparation and financing; and
- Instructional and Student Service Divisions have already created community and higher education partnerships that are designed to bring about systemic change through implementation of best practices for sustainable school improvement, including increases in student learning gains.

SCOPE OF WORK PERFORMED: In support of the Gear Up project goals; The Peralta Community College District intends to seek formal seven-year partnerships with the Local School Districts and/or public charters for the purpose of implementing the new GEAR UP project (2011-2018). The grant program will serve students in selected Local School District schools in grades 6–12 and will provide support services to high school graduates in transitioning to and succeeding in their first year of college. The program will also establish a network of research-based educational practices proven to improve student learning and to result in sustainable school improvement. Targeted areas for school improvement include district and school leadership; family and community engagement; school conditions; teacher effectiveness; early literacy instruction; student leadership; and programs supporting students in their transition from grades 6 to 7, 8 to 9, and 12 to college.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: ONE, TWO, THREE OR ALL FOUR OF THE PERALTA COLLEGES MAY APPLY FOR THIS GRANT.

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request approval of intent to apply for 2011 Gear Up Grant.

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

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING? (COLLEGE PRESIDENT OR VICE CHANCELLOR) DR. DEBORAH BUDD, VICE CHANCELLOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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.)**

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: Jannett Jackson for Jannett Jackson Date: May 11, 2011
Dr. Jannett Jackson, Interim President

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Dr. Deborah Budd Date: 5-16-11
Dr. Deborah Budd, VC, Ed Services

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: Ron Gerhard, electronically by ve Date: 5/14/11
Ron Gerhard, Chief Financial Officer

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: Wise E. Allen Date: 5/26/11
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor