

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of June 14, 2011

ITEM # 16

ITEM TITLE:

LUMINA Latino Student Success

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approval of a Letter of Intent to apply for the LUMINA Latino Student Success grant.

Funders: LUMINA Foundation

Funding Amount: \$600,000 over four years

ITEM SUMMARY:

Laney College proposes to submit a proposal for the LUMINA Latino Student Success grant. Laney will work with partners in planning and developing a model pathway to increase access, retention and completion of associate degrees and certificates (with market value), and transfer to four-year institutions among Latino students. Through data analysis, the college will evaluate gaps and the needs of Latino students to better understand the challenges they face as they transition from high school to college. Based on evaluation of this data, the goal is to introduce and develop promising practices to help students enter and progress through college more quickly and successfully. Practices to be developed include community outreach to increase the number of Latino students at Laney, effective use of data, collaboration with four-year institutions to improve transfer paths, academic support in and outside the classroom, and institutional leadership to establish a vision to better serve this population.

LUMINA Latino Student Success Brief Summary

Lumina Foundation will support place-based collaborative efforts designed to foster large-scale change by helping national, regional and local groups work effectively to achieve Latino college success. We seek to engage groups that are experienced in driving place-based change strategies, as well as key policy, education, business, nonprofit and community organizations in targeted metropolitan areas. Specifically, we aim to provide catalytic support that can expand/align existing initiatives in key regions with large or rapidly growing Latino populations.

Workforce Projections

By 2025 — the year Lumina expects the Big Goal to be achieved — half of the nation's workers will be of Latino descent. At that time, 63 percent of all jobs in the United States will require some form of postsecondary education or training, according to labor economist Anthony Carnevale of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. Given the current rate at which Latinos hold at least a two-year degree (18.6 percent for those 25-64 years old, according to 2008 Census figures), targeted interventions are necessary to assure that the coming generation of American workers will have the skills necessary to fulfill workforce needs.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At more than 48 million, Latinos represent the largest and fastest-growing population in the United States. Less than 5 percent of the U.S. population was Latino in 1960. In 2009 the Latino population had grown to 16 percent. These are impressive numbers. However, Latino representation in higher education remains low. Serious gaps are evident throughout the education pipeline.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

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Funding Amount: \$600,000 over four years

GENERAL FUNDS FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET:

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

YES _____ No **XX**

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Dr. Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services/
Dr. Elnora T. Webb, President of Laney College

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ No _____

_____ 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:

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LILIA CELHAY, DEAN, LANEY COLLEGE

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Dr. Debbie Budd Date: JUNE 3, 2011
Dr. Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational 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 re Date: 6/9/11
Finance and Administration Approval

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: Wai S. Allen Date: 6/7/11
Dr. Wise Allen, Chancellor