



PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report

For the Trustee Meeting Date of February 26, 2008

ITEM TITLE: *(Please define the subject; e.g., change order - Vista College)*

Intent to Apply—Concurrent Courses: Pathways to College and Career Initiative

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorization from the board to apply for funding from the James Irvine Foundation in the amount of \$400,000 for 3 years.

ITEM SUMMARY: *(PLEASE DISCUSS THIS ITEM)*

Pathways to College and Careers Initiative is a new initiative of the James Irvine Foundation intended to strengthen college and career pathways for students who are low-income, struggling academically, and/or underrepresented in higher education by providing them with rigorous, supportive, and career-focused dual enrollment opportunities. In dual (or concurrent) enrollment, high school students take college courses and ideally earn transferable college credit. The Community College Research Center (CCRC) will manage and evaluate the initiative, with support from MDRC. MDRC is a non-profit, non-partisan education and social policy research organization. CCRC, housed at Teachers College, Columbia University nationally known for its expertise in career and technical education (CTE) and in dual enrollment. A recent CCRC study finds that participation in dual enrollment is positively related to a number of educational outcomes, including enrollment and persistence in college, and progress to a degree. These results were found in the general population of high school students as well as in a subset of students in CTE concentrations, and low-income students particularly benefited from their participation.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

JAMES IRVINE FOUNDATION

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

Yes _____ X No _____

COMMENTS:

Match: \$115,000 Director's Salaries

ADMINISTRATOR: Gary Yee

CONTRIBUTION TO PERALTA MISSION AND/OR BOARD GOALS:

Build partnerships and alliances with business and industry, other educational institutions, and community-based organizations to meet the demand for workforce preparation and life long learning and support the training and educational needs of an international workforce.

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

Legal Review Conducted Legal Review not Required

Signature _____ Date: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Review Conducted Review not Required

Signature *James Smith* Date *2/19/08*

Prepared by: *CA Fairley* Date: *2/19/2008*

Administrator: *SS Yu* Date: *2/19/2008*

Chancellor: *Richard A. Fair* Date: _____