

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of December 13, 2016

ITEM TITLE:

MOU renewal between Laney College and the Oakland Unified School District regarding the Gateway to College program.

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Peralta Community College District (PCCD), on behalf of Laney College, and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) for the operation of a Gateway to College program during the 2016-17 academic year.

ITEM SUMMARY:

Since 2009, Laney College has hosted a Gateway to College program in partnership with Oakland Unified School District. This MOU governs the roles and responsibilities of the two partners in the program: OUSD and Laney College.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

This agreement provides for approximately \$400,000 in state ADA funds to be transferred from OUSD to Laney College to support this program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Gateway to College is a scholarship program that provides academically and economically disenfranchised Alameda County residents 16 to 20 years old with an opportunity to experience success in an academically rigorous, supportive and safe environment as they pursue their high school diplomas and transition into college.

How Does GTC Accomplish Its Goals: GTC provides a dual enrollment opportunity for students failed by traditional high school education environment—students earn high school and college credits, simultaneously. This is accomplished as follows:

- For every 1 college credit earned, students earn 3.33 high school credits. Students can take a maximum of 11 credits per semester, plus an additional 3-6 during the summer session. If a student took the maximum amount of credits, they could earn up to 93 high school credits per year. The average stay in our GTC program is 3 semesters.
- All Foundation courses (a student's first semester in the program) have 1-3 embedded tutors.
- Each incoming class is treated like a cohort for peer support.
- Continuing students (students who have successfully completed their first semester with a "C" grade or above are given the opportunity to mentor Foundation students.
- Each student is assigned to a counselor/education planner.
- Students and families have direct access to the Program Director.

- Bi-monthly parent/caregiver education meetings are offered to provide parents with the skills and tools necessary to support students on their new education journey.
- Every Friday is "Academic Success Friday" (ASF.) This is a time for Foundation and Continuing students to interact, for students to receive information regarding employment and internships, as well as experiencing guest speakers from various fields on a host of topics.

Recent Successes (all numbers are compared to 2014-2015 academic year with a student population of 129):

- First Term GPA average increased by .8% (2.1 to 2.8).
- First Year Persistence increased by 15.1% (42% to 57.1%).
- Two Year Persistence was 24.3% (the highest number for this site, since GTC started in 2009).
- Three Year Graduation Rate was 18.9%
- The average number of college credits earned was 18.8%.
- Over a three-year period, Gateway to College served and average of 101 students.

Recent Successes (Soft Benefits):

- Several GTC students earned the Dean's Medallion last graduation.
- 4 GTC students received "full ride" academic scholarships: 2 at UCs and 2 at CSUs.
- 11 Students had internships summer 2015.

DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK: Not applicable.

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:

This MOU will be in effect until June 30, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS: None.

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Peralta Community College District (PCCD), on behalf of Laney College, and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) for the operation of a Gateway to College program during the 2016-17 academic year.

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

YES X NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING? (DR. PATRICIA STANLEY, PRESIDENT, LANEY COLLEGE)

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

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: Karen Engel Date: 12.1.16
 [Dr. Karen Engel, Director, Economic & Workforce Development]

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Presenter/Approver Signature Here in Script Date: _____
[Dr. Patricia Stanley, President, Laney College]

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

_____ Finance review required X Finance review *not* required

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

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: _____
Ronald Little, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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

X Legal review required _____ Legal review *not* required

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

Signature: *Erica Curls-Bartling*
Erica Curls-Bartling, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

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

Signature: *Jowel C. Laguerre*
Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D., Chancellor