



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02
VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF STUDENTS IN PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees recognizes the value and importance of students in the participatory governance process; and

WHEREAS, students are the reason the Ventura County Community College District and its colleges exist: students learn via enrolling in and completing approved courses, as well as participating in college life programs; and

WHEREAS, Title 5 §51023.7 (a)(2) guarantees that “except in unforeseeable, emergency situations, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees shall not take action on a matter having a significant effect on students until it has provided students with an opportunity to participate in the formulation of the policy or procedure or the joint development of recommendations regarding the action”; and

WHEREAS, students shall be provided an opportunity to provide input in the reaffirmation and development of district and college policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. This right includes the opportunity to participate in processes for jointly developing recommendations to the governing board regarding such policies and procedures.

WHEREAS, Title 5 §51023.7 ensures that students can offer opinions and make recommendations to the administration of the Colleges and to the Board of Trustees with regard to District and College policies and procedures that have or will have a “significant effect on students” which includes the following:

- grading policies;
- codes of student conduct;
- academic disciplinary policies;
- curriculum development;
- courses or programs which should be initiated or discontinued;
- processes for institutional planning and budget development;
- standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
- student services planning and development;
- student fees within the authority of the district to adopt; and
- any other district and college policy, procedure, or related matter that the district governing board determines will have a significant effect on students.

WHEREAS, Ventura County Community College District Board Policy 2015, states that the student member [Student Trustee] shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board at meetings. The student member is entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board (except for closed session); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Ventura Community College District Board of Trustees reaffirms the importance of the role of the students in the participatory governance process; and be it further

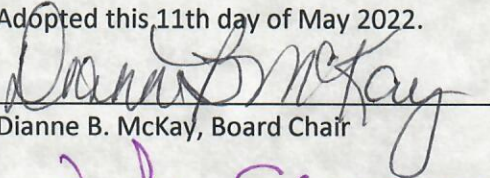
RESOLVED, that the Ventura Community College District Board of Trustees commits to continue its support of future student representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, is fully committed to creating and encouraging a culture that values student input and believes in leading a Districtwide dialogue to understand and appreciate our student's voices and perspective and promotes a prosperous participatory governance environment on our campuses, which is fundamental to our mission and in alignment with the Board of Trustees' Strategic Goals.

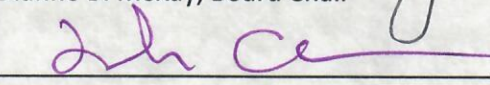
RESOLVED, the Ventura County Community College Board of Trustees pledges to study the feasibility and establishment of a District Student Trustee Advisory Council to provide professional development and facilitate a dialogue between the three associated student governments and the Student Trustee before the reaffirmation of Board Policy 2015 Student Member.

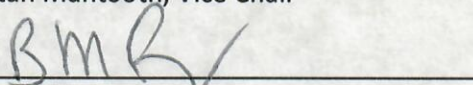
RESOLVED, the Ventura County Community College Board of Trustees commits to encouraging other California Community College Districts to reaffirm the importance of students in participatory governance.

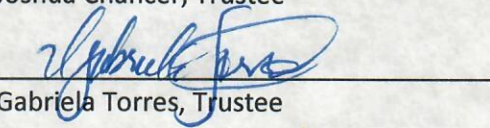
Adopted this 11th day of May 2022.

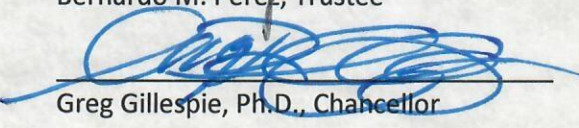

Dianne B. McKay, Board Chair


Stan Mantooth, Vice Chair

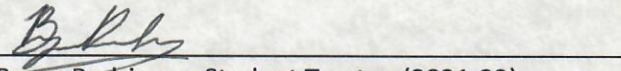

Joshua Chancer, Trustee


Bernardo M. Perez, Trustee


Gabriela Torres, Trustee


Greg Gillespie, Ph.D., Chancellor

Student Trustee Bryan Rodriguez, supports this "Resolution to Reaffirm the Importance of the Role of Students in Participatory Governance," effective May 11, 2022:


Bryan Rodriguez, Student Trustee (2021-22)
Ventura County Community College District