

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: August 2, 2010

Title of Item: League for Innovation Statement of Reaffirmation

Background and Analysis:

The district is in the process of seeking reaffirmation for board membership with the League for Innovation in the Community College. The review process is a rigorous one, requiring a self-study and site visit by League representatives, which will include a discussion with the Board of Trustees. Only 19 colleges or districts are represented on the League board. Reaffirmation is required after a change in leadership.

The district has been a charter member since the League was established in 1968. The district has received many tangible and intangible benefits over the years from board membership with this international organization. Among the benefits has been high national visibility as an innovative community college district. The League is the single most influential membership organization working to advance the community college movement.

As part of the reaffirmation process, the board is asked to support this statement of commitment to membership in the League for Innovation for inclusion in the self-study. This request follows a presentation at the August 2, 2010 study session on the League and the responsibilities and benefits of League board membership. The chancellor and presidents also will submit detailed statements expressing their commitment to League participation for inclusion in the self-study.

Recommendation: Chancellor Linda Thor recommends board support of the statement of commitment to membership in the League for Innovation for inclusion in the self-study.

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Is backup provided? Yes



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STATEMENT FROM THE FOOTHILL-DE ANZA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board of trustees is very proud of Foothill-De Anza's long, rich history with the League for Innovation in the Community College and believes that continued membership will be an invaluable asset to the students, faculty and staff of our district.

We also strongly believe this to be a mutually beneficial relationship. Innovation has long been a hallmark of our district, and we welcome the opportunities the league provides to share our work with the larger community of colleges nationwide.

The board of trustees requests and endorses continued membership in the League for Innovation in the Community College.

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