

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Employees' University License Agreement with Santa Barbara City College

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the License Agreement for use of the Employees' University Center between the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Community College District.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is aligned with Goal #1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community; Goal #3: A strong, professionally managed County organization; and Goal #5: A high quality of life for all residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Since its establishment in 1998, the Employees' University (EU) has maintained a valuable and mutually beneficial relationship with Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Early in the establishment of the EU, City College stepped forward to assist the County with development of the curriculum and recognition of EU courses as SBCC courses. SBCC also assisted the County in establishing a similar relationship with our partner in the north county, Alan Hancock College. Both colleges now provide the EU with outside review and validation of all EU courses and curriculum, provide County employees with college credit for completion of EU courses, and bring state funding to the EU to help offset the cost of EU course materials and facilities.

As the County began considering the possibility of creating a facility with space and equipment for EU courses, City College approached the County about the potential of a joint use facility; EU courses during the day, and SBCC courses in the evening. The vision was to create a community resource thus

contributing to the quality of life for all residents. Sharing the facility seemed to be a perfect opportunity for both organizations. City College became involved in the design of the facility, and most significantly designed, purchased, installed, and now maintains the 26-station state-of-the-art computer laboratory at the EU Center.

When the EU Center opened last September, it became a joint use facility of the County and SBCC. Over the last school year, SBCC has offered a wide range of courses to the community at the EU Center on Monday through Thursday evenings. More recently, the EU Center has also been equipped to serve a third function as the interim Emergency Operations Center for the County.

The experience over the past nine months has helped the County and College craft a workable license agreement for the use of the EU Center. The result of the experience and negotiations culminated in the attached License Agreement. The Agreement specifies the relationship between City College and the County with respect to the use of the EU Center. It has been reviewed and approved by all parties involved in the daily operations of the EU, by the County agencies involved in creating license agreements, and by Santa Barbara Community College.

The County/City College partnership highlights a model of the value to the community when public agencies collaborate to maximize the use of scarce public dollars.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Employees' University is not a mandated service.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact associated with executing this agreement. The impact on the EU facility is addressed in the agreement. It is generally outside of normal County work hours and therefore is expected to be minimal.

Concurrence:

- County Counsel
- Real Property
- Risk Management