



COLLEGE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 23, 2011

5:30 p.m. – Campus Center, Room 4

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT:	MEMBERSHIP ABSENT:
Bonnie Bernard	Dr. Yvonne Chan
Larry Billingslea	
Irwin Silon	
Ed Woods	
Dr. Monte E. Perez (LAMC)	

FACILITATOR PRESENT:	GUESTS/RESOURCE MEMBERS:
Michiel Usher (GSE)	Safi Ishrati (LACCD)
George Johnson (GSE)	Rolf Schleicher (LAMC)
Monique Douglas (GSE)	Wally Bortman (LAMC)
	Michael Finnegan (LA Times)
	Gale Holland (LA Times) came at 6:55pm

WELCOME/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The meeting came to order at 5:40pm in Campus Center, Room 4. Members and guests introduced themselves. New Program Control Manager – Monique Douglas was introduced. Minutes from March 14th, 2011 meeting were approved as read.

REPORT FROM GSE PROJECT DIRECTOR:

1. Campus Modernization II:

Sheriff Station:

- The Sheriff Station will be a “stand alone” facility in Campus Modernization II. This change came about after the College decided that they wanted to use these funds to rescue other projects. GSE was not instructed to build a brand new facility, but to act on the modernization of existing facility on campus. Design for new Sheriff’s Station is put on hold pending approval of new location by the college. Request was made for a report from GSE on changes pertaining to Sheriff’s Station. Sheriff Station’s funds are placed to contingency holding account. In addition, funds will be available for Tenant improvements due to this change.



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Chilled Water Loop

- Infrastructure Design completed for Chill/Hot Water Loop.
- This project is on hold.
- Other projects under Campus Modernization II are pending DSA approval.

2. **Campus Modernization III:**

- Lighting retrofitting is complete with minor additions changes.

3. **Athletic Complex:**

- Negotiations with Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Fish and Game continue to secure all needed permits.
- Dr. Monte Perez wants to obtain permits prior to any activity with this project.
- Calbirds are endangered and need to be trapped and relocated.
- USACE needs to be involved in birds relocation project and agree on the details before any construction has started.
- The timeline for completion is estimated to be about one year without placing a timeline on the USACE.

4. **Student Services Building:**

- Design is 100% complete. Construction start date is January 27, 2012.
- This property was funded by Measure J funds.
- Modular buildings currently occupying the construction site are to be moved to nursery across the street in the next five months.
- Some Math programs, which are in the modular buildings, will be moved to East Campus.
- The college will have temporary use of the property for the next 5 years.
- A concern was raised by the CCOC members on the project's impact on neighborhood: will we fence the area, put new street lights and new cross walk?
- Request was made by Bonnie Bernard on itemization of funds for this project.

5. **Other Projects:**

- *Central Plant* is under determination of scope and type of systems to be installed.
- Some light bulbs are needed for installation for *Harding Street* improvements project. Masters Contracting is performing the work.

REPORT FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENT:

- The new College President had provided CCOC members with his experience and background which includes overseeing of a 450-million construction project.



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- He expressed his delight to have Mr. George Johnson, as GSE Program Director as LAMC has a large Bond Program like that of West College.
- State received increased tax revenue and the budget may get revised. However, Community Colleges will still have to recover deficits. We are working on 5% reduction plan.
- College will hire five new faculty members to comply with state regulations.
- The following measures are being implemented to achieve savings: summer and winter sessions are eliminated, class offerings are reduced in Fall and Spring. The best is being done to keep the doors open for students.
- The college will bear even higher operational costs after all new buildings are open.
- The college is working on revenue enhancement strategies and business plans in an attempt to ease the budget situation. Efficient campus utilization is a priority achieved through the shared governance. Community, faculty and advisors need to be engaged.
- The President noted that Mission College has to develop a Master Plan that will allow them to keep all of their classes. He also wants to ensure that the community, teachers and advisors are thinking on the same page.
- The President asked to schedule a meeting to discuss the priority for Mission College which should be on the July Agenda.

REPORT FROM ASO REPRESENTATIVE: No report.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT DCOC REPRESENTATIVE: No report. Representative was not at the meeting, but was present in January and March of 2011. The members asked that the college give Dr. Yvonne Chan a notification to ask about her attendance.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Michael Finnegan (LA Times) is having trouble making sure that all dollars are accounted for. LA Times requested documents on Health and PE building project. Requested are all change orders and a backup. Only received one completed report and two more without signatures. A million dollar contract increase has nothing to do with project. The comment was made that materials are public record. LA Times requested documents on CD format. The materials will be used in future articles. Currently LA Times is deeply disappointed by the manner in which the District is responding on the requests. Bonnie Bernard said she was shocked to find out that cost of PE project increased from \$34 million to \$37 million. It was said that the amount is allowed to exceed ten percent of the bid price. LA Times received only some of the documents to support this change. The committee made a request for explanation for the \$3 million difference in the project. Dr. Monte E. Perez apologized for the 2 year delay promised to provide the requested information on FTR. GSE Director received this request late Friday from General Counsel and is acting on it. However, he is just now finding out about the LA Times request from 2009.



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PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2011:

July 11, 2011

September 12, 2011

November 14, 2011

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.