

President's Report to the Senate  
September 17, 2009

**CORE**

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The CORE committee met with the design/build team to review progress on the new Science Complex. Facilities and user group meetings will continue until the middle of October at which time the schematic design phase of the building program should be completed. The architects (HGA) and the construction company (Pinner) will report back to CORE September 28.

Two competing designs were shown to the CORE group for the new marquee at the corner of L Street and Figueroa Place. The group chose a design that includes a "flying seahawk" in the center. Cost should run about \$1.2 million and construction should be completed sometime in late 2010.

Dr. Spink announced that the One-Stop program would not begin on campus until a contract was signed for the District. The trailers (old Office Complex) have been renovated to house this program at the Board's direction at a cost of at least \$30,000 hard costs and perhaps up to \$80,000 including "soft costs." LAUSD has refused to sign off on the agreement to date.

The Fine Arts Complex renovations design is not yet finished, and Mark Wood again expressed concerns about funding for FF & E as well as unfunded costs of approximately \$3.5 million for these projects. Purchase of nomad podiums for the music and speech rooms needs to be addressed.

June Smith requested that floor plans be posted in the new buildings so that students and first time visitors can know where they should go. The light board used for "green messages" would provide a good place and venue for such a plan in the TECH building.

Estimates for the individual items in SSA/NEA will be completed in a few days.

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**TECH BUILDING**

The Tech building suffered 60 degree temperatures that caused moisture on surfaces and equipment. This may have caused damage, and that will be assessed. The question arose as to who should pay for repairs.

The small chiller that will help solve the air conditioning problem should be arriving in about seven weeks.

**NEA/SSA**

Doors are sticking on both the first and second floors. The contractors, Mallcraft, think the strike pads need to be adjusted, and they plan to do that this week.

Computers are down in some of the classrooms. Concern was expressed about overheating in the podiums that can damage the computers, so teachers will probably be instructed to keep the cabinet doors open for ventilation.

**PARKING**

The campus-wide security system was discussed not only in conjunction with the new parking structure but also for the new buildings being designed and the new buildings just opened. No system has been chosen, and cost estimates need to be made and compared

before such a system is adopted. The campus is looking at a web-based system that feeds directly into the Sheriff's office.

Parking lots six and eight will be affected as the contractor puts up the solar paneling. The intent is to make as small a dent as possible in the removal of parking spaces. One-half of lot six (?) will be closed this week in order to pave it, and all of lot eight will be closed as soon as the paving is done in order to put in the solar panels. The project is due to be finished by mid-December.

The District contract with DWP still has not been finalized, so we don't know what we will do with our over-capacity energy if DWP won't accept it.

The parking structure design is about one week away from being sent to the state architects' office where it should be expedited.

#### **PE Building and Fields**

The curtain wall has been approved, but the folding bleachers in the gym and the fire sprinkler system has not yet been approved.

There are three options for refurbishing the girls' softball field, but no option has yet been chosen. The three were not described.

#### **LIBRARY**

The library contract is set to go out for bid in a month. The portables will have to be moved before construction starts, and two of them will be moved to the athletic fields.

#### **ISSUES AND COMPLAINTS**

Although the cable for TV has been provided for the new buildings, it is not hooked up. It would cost \$30 per classroom, a cost that was not anticipated or agreed to by the college. Now, only the TV studio and Seahawk Center have cable connected.

The issue of telephone costs was brought forward by Ann Tomlinson. Evidently, AT&T thinks we should be charged at one rate for long distance calls, and the college thinks it should be paying at another rate. More investigation is required. Long Distance phone expenses are extremely high.

We need to get the monitors to serve students working in the admissions area.

#### **DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS) September 10, 2009**

David Beaulieu, DAS President, announced that the process for replacing Chancellor Drummond is proceeding with the goal of completing the search by next semester. He and Carl Friedlander will serve on the committee, but there may be one or two more faculty appointments. That has not been decided.

Gail Holland of the Los Angeles Times is doing a series of articles on the District bond issues. She has contacted and talked to Beaulieu and others (and she has contacted me although I have not yet met with her). We are not sure of the focus of the series, and we will be eager to see the results of the interviews.

Marvin Martinez told the DAS that 25% of the Obama \$12 billion grants for schools should come to California, and the District has a good opportunity to get about 10% of that. The bill is still in Congress, but the Obama administration hopes that it will be on the President's desk in early October, or before, so that institutions will be able to formulate applications in December and January. The bill asks us to identify barriers to student success and approaches to breach them.

The District sustainability grant for \$1.2 million will allow us to develop curriculum, capacity and staff for sustainability programs as well as train faculty in these areas.

Eleven board rule changes are now scheduled to be voted on at the December 10 DAS meeting. These are:

1. E-65: Curriculum Development and Improvement
2. E-XX: Community Service Offerings
3. E-12: Law Enforcement Academy Training Credits
4. E-103: Repetition of Activity Courses
5. BR 6703.11: Acceptance of Credit/Grading
6. E-XX: Military Credit
7. BR 8605.10: Policies and Procedures
8. BR 6700: Academic Renewal
9. BR 6202: Catalogue Rights
10. E-XX: CLEP Credits
11. E-XX: International Baccalaureate Credit

We will be reviewing each one of these proposals over the course of the fall meetings.

Harbor College paid its District dues and so will receive \$2500 in the Senate account.

## **DIVISION COUNCIL/ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Because the Division Council meeting spilled over into the Academic Affairs time, there was not Academic Affairs meeting this week. It will be rescheduled.

The Division Council spent most of its time, roughly two hours, discussing three items, two quite extensively:

1. FTES targets for the year and how to meet them. The District figure, including a 2% overcap, is 6871, or an 8% reduction from 2008-09. Harbor College's base figure is 6737 (approximately) and we need to definitely meet that goal. At this time, the plan is not to hold winter session or a summer session that will count towards 2009-10 figures. If we need to strengthen our numbers after the spring census, we will add short term classes. Luis Rosas and Lauren McKenzie felt confident that we won't have any problems meeting our base figures.
2. Program Review and Accreditation planning took up most of the meeting. Dean Humphreys passed out schedules and a proposed rubric for doing program review via an online software program, and Dr. Spink came in to tell Division Chairs why she had sent out a notice of not approving any overload classes for faculty, them particularly, if the program reviews were not finished. Division Chairs thought that carrots might help instead of just big sticks, but everyone seemed engaged in addressing the problem of getting program review defined and finished this year.

The Senate has agreed to setting up an ad hoc subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee to guide and direct this process. **Each division should identify a member to belong to the newly formed subcommittee.**

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