

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
February 4, 2010

CORE

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- The landscape architects presented their plans for the PE Building. After an extensive review, they were asked to return to CORE with some other plantings. The group specifically stated it didn't want palm trees or sycamores. Dr. Spink emphasized that we need to be very cognizant of maintenance.
- LAUSD wants Harbor College to keep the old PE Building so that they can purchase and use it, but we can't because it's part of the agreement for accepting state money to build the new gymnasium. CORE suggested that LAUSD look at the racquetball court site for a building in exchange for providing the college storage space. Dr. Spink will meet with the LAUSD officials to explore this suggestion further.
- Dr. Spink said the city of LA is resubmitting a Congressional earmark to upgrade the tunnels between Figueroa and Figueroa Place and the bus stops. The original request has been reduced by eliminating the sidewalk along Figueroa Place.
- Parking lot in the Child Care Center (east lot) will be striped for handicapped persons.
- Mark Wood raised the question, once again, about funds to upgrade the Speech classrooms in the Drama/Speech Building. They need smart podiums for about \$150,000.
- White boards in TECH and NEA will be going in before spring semester
- The Library and Learning Resource Center project is being advertised 1/6. Bids must be submitted by 2/5. This is a design-bid-build project. Questions were raised about the Teaching-Learning Center because that entity is not now included in the plans.
- Questions arose about keeping the old science building instead of the General Classroom Building. The Student Union building footprint would have to be changed, and the comparative costs of renovating the two older buildings were not available. Tom Johns was instructed to gather those budgetary figures for a CPC meeting and determination.

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- Ahbe and Leo Daly brought back their suggested changes to the landscaping for the PE Building. The palm trees were planted since they had already been delivered and the holes dug before CORE recommended against them. CORE OK'd using bougainvillea.
- Workers are moving new equipment into the PE Building and are doing the punch list. Move-in is now scheduled for spring break.
- The question of who would maintain the therapy pool was raised. And, the pool installed is smaller than Nabeel Barakat ordered and may not be useable for the program.
- A walk-through of the PE Building is scheduled for 9 a.m. next Tuesday
- Campus art can be used for wall murals such as on the Child Development Center and PE, among others.

- We need ample signage in the tech area when the fencing goes in for the new library construction. CORE again emphasized that the trucks should enter/egress from Figueroa Place and not use the interior of the campus for staging.
- Striping of the Child Care Center east parking lot should occur Wednesday. The north side will be used by administrators plus three slots for short-term visitors; the south side of the lot will be used for handicapped parking and a loading stall for the Music and CDC buildings. The CDC west parking lot will be used by staff, handicapped and as a drop-off area for the children.
- We are still waiting for the new pumps before we can install the small chiller.
- Abatements have started in the old Tech building
- Information kiosks are coming to the TECH and NEA. White board installation is on hold because the installing company has a credit problem.
- The parking structure drawings will be released in a week or two. Preparations can be started and proceed in the meantime. We are trying to avoid penalties because of delay (permits) and the company is trying to avoid delay penalties from their perspective.
- Still can't turn on renewable energy because there is no agreement with the DWP on purchasing excess energy. The Board has paid for a three month extension so that the District can continue its negotiations to reach an agreement with DWP (We were supposed to be through by the end of the year.)
- The new Library and learning Resource Center has won a design award. The Project Manager (Tom Johns) expects to get a good bid of around \$18 million.
- Warranty repairs on the field and track are taking place
- The design/build contract for the Job Placement Center/Data Center will go out next Thursday. Arcadis (our governing contractor) is trying to expedite the process.
- LAUSD is buying the bathrooms next to it for the price Harbor College paid: \$59,000. They are also considering the racquetball area for the building they want to build.
- ONE STOP is moving in next week. They want closer designated parking spots which is a problem.

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- The new acronym for the Student Union and miscellaneous projects is SAILS
- The question about whether or not we will have food courts in the new SU was discussed with Tony Michaelman from the District. Students need to be involved in this decision. The Culinary Arts Program can manage a portion of the campus needs, but the current scope of the program does not permit the students to meet all the times and demands. The meeting ended with the suggestion that food court infrastructure be put in place to provide flexibility in programming. Proprietary businesses have their own very specific requirements, so unless the college has a contract, whatever is designed at the beginning stage of the building can only be general. This item subsumed most of the meeting time.
- Where outdoor events should take place is a major concern in designing the SU building and landscape

- The Child Care Center still does not have its license to operate. They are waiting for inspection. The lease for the trailers currently being used ends on March 15, and the college hopes it doesn't have to renew that lease.

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- The user group for the Student Union, Astronomy, Infrastructure, Landscaping and Security (SAILS is the acronym) is meeting to determine needs
- The Business and Tech Buildings are due to be demolished sometime in April
- Campus art is now the mandated, up to ½% of all the bond funds received. The amount allowed needs to be figured
- The Child Development Center will be inspected for licensing on Thursday; fire inspection is next week, and the punch list (for completion) is being finished. The east parking lot poles designating administrative slots should be moved by 1/29.
- The design criteria document for the Humanities and Fine Arts renovations should be completed by 2/1. Then the design goes out to three selected architectural firms for pricing. A cover has been put over the orchestra pit in the theater.
- The new, smaller chiller still isn't hooked up; we are waiting for a piece of equipment.
- Most of the informal projects in Tech have been finished. Equipment problems that will take the budget over \$29,000 will have to go into the package going to the Department of State Architects (DAS) for approval.
- Drawings for informal projects in NEA should be complete next month. The plan is to replace computers in the Assessment Center before doing the NEA labs. And, people are putting their feet against the classroom and corridor walls, causing ugly footprints (even behind the classroom podiums). Painting the marks out seems to be the best solution.
- We are still waiting for DSA approval to start work on the parking structure, although we can begin the excavation.
- The Science Complex user group will meet 2/9
- The wrong size pool (very small) has been put into the hydrotherapy room in the new Wellness Center, making it unusable for the Adaptive PE program. Floors are being waxed and the punch-list applied.
- Bids for the new Library and Learning Center are due 2/5
- The College is not pursuing acquiring the Recreation and Parks land until after the costs of the SAILS program are stabilized.
- The TV Studio contract is at the architects to be signed
- The Softball Field renovation final documents are prepared for review
- The Request for Qualifications for the Job Placement/Data Center is out. Proposals are due by April. Looks like the estimates will be below the proposed budget.
- A walk-through of the PE Building is scheduled for 9 a.m. next Tuesday. This week's tour was canceled because of the weather.
- TECH had some leaks and the Fine Arts Building roof leaked badly during the heavy storms. A door has also been broken in the Fine Arts Building.

2/2: The entire two hour meeting was taken up with a presentation by Steinberg Architects on the green-space treatments in the new building areas. Corridors, plantings and access routes were discussed in order to give the firm guidance and to get CORE members thinking about final landscaping plans. There was no walk-through of the PE Building and it will be rescheduled for the 16th.

CPC

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- CPC asked Tom Johns, the new College Project Manager (CPM), to give it budget estimates on the priorities the CPC adopted in the fall. Measure J funds stand at \$219 million.
- Discussion about demolishing the General Classroom Building or keeping the old Science Building raised the question of costs. Tom Johns said he would supply that for a special one subject meeting of CPC next week.
- LAUSD will purchase the bathrooms in the trailers from the college and also wants to build an actual high school on campus. Dr. Spink is looking into the contract LAUSD had with Southwest as a template for our negotiations with LAUSD.
- The Fiscal Review Policy Committee asked the College for its plan to reduce its deficit. Dr. Tomlinson distributed the College's response to the checklist from the District; it showed that our projected deficit is \$2.5 million.
- Categorical Programs will be targeted in next year's budget, so the College will have to have a plan to address these proposed further reductions.
- Concern was raised about CPC hearing issues beyond its purview.
- CPC agreed to hold a special meeting next week on January 19 to address the master plan issues of the General Classroom Building and the Student Union footprint.

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- After looking at renovation budgets, the CPC decided not to address demolishing the General Classroom Building at this time, so the planned footprint for the Student Union will stay.
- ASO report: Steven del Gado is the new ASO President, replacing Esteban Robledo; there is also a new treasurer; Mercie Yanez will become Student Activities Advisor; and Helena Butros will teach the Political Science governance course. Both the former ASO President and Treasurer were ineligible for office because of grades.
- Susan McMurray introduced Angie Crum, Paula Brown, and Larry Krueger (in absentia) as the new faculty who will "people" the new Teaching Learning Center.
- The issue of addressing CEO and State Academic Senate concerns about the Accreditation Commission was raised. At first, the Commission Director, Dr. Barbara Beano refused the group's request to address the Commission, but after rather heated exchanges, Chancellor Jack Scott was allowed to talk to the Commission in closed session. Stay tuned.

CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLOR

District Academic Senate Presidents met with Chancellor Wieder on January 28.

- The District search for a new Chancellor is on schedule as are the searches for new presidents at Pierce and Harbor. The Board wants a new Chancellor in place before the two new presidents are chosen in May.
- John Clerx is retiring from the District and his responsibilities, job description, are being reviewed before an announcement opening the position is posted.
- LACCD wants to be known for its leadership in the Student Success and Basic Skills Initiatives.
- Budget priorities and issues dominated the conversation. Proposals to eliminate some categorical and make others totally flexible (which means the money can be used elsewhere) threaten many student services like matriculation and Cal Works to name two.
- Templates for efficiency are being developed by the Fiscal Review Policy Committee, and until these are finalized, colleges will not be meeting with the Committee. The Chancellor stated that she did suggest in Cabinet that Presidents look at their high cost programs in deciding how to address budget shortfalls.
- An urgent question arose about course repeatability, and an emergency policy directive will be forthcoming from the Chancellor. A few ESL students are directly impacted by the change in course repeatability, and the directive is a short gap measure to address their needs.
- Faculty participation in Administrative Hiring was discussed. Chancellor Wieder thought that each campus had such a policy (modeled after the District policy) but learned that this was not the case. Currently, there is no “requirement” in the Board policy that faculty be on these committees. The Personnel Guide says one thing and the Human Resources guide another.
- Vice Chancellor Marvin Martinez announced that the District has received about \$10 million for CTE curriculum development. The first phase will involve doing research, forming advisory groups, and developing programs. Curriculum needs to be developed for next fall. Vice Chancellor Martinez also is concerned that we have a mechanism to report the success of our grants from the District level. Currently, we have no template to do this.
- The Cabinet is talking about how the District can prepare for the President’s American Graduation Initiative. LACCD wants to be ready when it passes to apply for funds.
- David Beaulieu, the District Academic Senate President, also asked that resource materials given to the Board be made available to personnel at the resource table. He said it was impossible to answer questions raised by the Board without seeing the documents they were reading from. Dr. Wieder agreed to ask for this.

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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- David Beaulieu has asked Allison Moore, a CPA, to be a faculty representative on the Fiscal Policy and Review Committee. Carl Friedlander and John McDowell are the two representatives from the Union.
- Announced the CB21 meeting at City, January 29, 9-12 at City
- For some inexplicable reason, Senate officers aren’t getting paid

- There is a capstone investigation of the bond fund money usage that briefs the District on a weekly basis. They seem to be doing a thorough job.
- The District's share of the \$750 million federal grant gives \$100 million to the state of California; the District's share is \$10 million. It is to be used to maintain staff.
- The DAS treasurer is drawing up next year's budget for the DAS
- We need to name faculty for a new IT District Task Force that will work on a strategic plan for the District.

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- The District balance is \$40 million, but all colleges are running deficits this year and categorical fund cuts for next year are a large problem. For this fiscal year, the District backfilled \$13 for categorical cuts, closer to \$15 million and has set aside \$10 million in next year's budget for backfill, but it probably will not be enough. The District is projecting a \$19 million deficit next year.
- We need an emergency policy or waiver to allow some ESL students to repeat basic skills courses. DAS Exec decided to ask the Chancellor to OK temporary waivers until a policy can be developed so that these few students can register for classes this spring.
- There is a question about how large the Fiscal Policy and Review Committee should be. Some feel that a smaller, focused group would be more efficient. Others want to expand the committee. No decision has been made on this question, yet.
- Each Senate needs to appoint a faculty member to the Technology Policy and Procedures Committee. The first meeting, co-chaired by Adrianna Barrera, will be held on February 18, 3 p.m., in the District Office. This new committee is a combination of the Distance Ed and IT committees.
- Gary Colombo addressed our concerns about the District Office Service map. It is still in draft form.
- We need a meeting between the union and the Senate on mutual issues.

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