

The President's Report to the Senate
March 18, 2010

Academic Affairs, March 17

The Academic Affairs Committee met to discuss potential section for the fall semester. The need for policies to guide both the Committee and CPC in making budgetary decisions was agreed to. Since the District Budget Committee is meeting concurrently with Academic Affairs, we still do not have firm guidance as to appropriate adjustments to the fall, spring and potential summer sessions.

ACCREDITATION

The meeting to address the Standard One self-study next year had its second meeting, and various members reported back their findings as to what changes need to be addressed under the various components of standard one.

CORE

March 9

Steinberg architects continued their presentation on the SAILS program. They stated that they are working on a speeded up timeline for renovating the Astronomy Building, and they went into details about proposed lighting, signage, and landscaping for the SAILS project. The RFQ (Request for Proposal) for the SAILS project will be going out soon.

Brad Young broad pictures of desks that can accommodate a computer or simply be used for a desk as an example of the kinds of furniture we should be purchasing in the new buildings.

March 16

Tom Jones announced that there is a new program director for the District Bond Program: Lloyd Silverstein.

The theater design changes are still being worked on but are nearly complete.

The electronic sign has been approved by City Council and will be sent to DSA in two weeks.

The RFQ for the SAILS project has been sent out. Responses from firms are due by March 26, and scoring of their responses will be done during spring break.

Steinberg will be doing construction priority sequencing for CPC on March 22.

The punch list for the Child Development Center is being completed.

The question of whether or not we should ask to have the bus stop moved from its present location to the area between SSA and NEA was discussed and will be further explored by CPC. Everyone agreed that another crosswalk was needed for safety purposes to accommodate students crossing from the Recreation and Parks lots to the campus.

The central plan chiller is due to be started up within a week.

Change orders for the Tech Building should be completed in a week.

The enhancements projects for NEA/SSA will be going to bid in two weeks.

Excavation work for the parking structure has begun. Deep excavation will begin during spring break. The DWP is working to install the lines needed to use recycled water along both L St. and Figueroa Street.

The construction fence for work on the Science Complex will be in place shortly. The project is scheduled to go to DSA on May 7. Demolition of the old Tech Building will start soon.

There still is no contract with DWP for the renewable energy project. Word from the District is that an agreement will be signed soon.

The move into the new PE Building will begin March 22. Conoco Phillips has expressed a desire for a contract so that their employees can use our fitness facilities.

The Board will approve the Library and Learning Resource Center, and work will begin May 1. Questions are still being asked as to the route construction vehicles will take in order to access the site.

Faculty have expressed concerns, repeatedly, about the proposed entrance and egress close to the NEA building, and have requested a route that would use of fire Lane in front of the old PE Building.

There will be a meeting on March 19 to discuss further updates for the TV Studio. Design deliverables are due April 2.

Work on the softball field should start in early April.

The LAUSD Board has approved funds for building on the Harbor College campus.

The LA CCD Board has approved moving forward with our acquiring the parking lot spaces across L St., and expressed a preference for design and number three which would acquire space along PCH and involve moving both the clubhouse and to holes of the current golf course.

DAS EXECUTIVE MEETING

Because the March meeting conflicted with my presentation to the high school plurals luncheon sponsored by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, I was unable to attend this meeting. However, I will post the DAS meeting minutes when they become available. I do know there was a vigorous discussion about the presentation to the Board concerning the Bond program report, and the long awaited Los Angeles Times is still not out. Stay tuned.

Divisions Council, March 17

Division Council met briefly to look at a flow of data chart in the planning process submitted by Dean Humphreys. Unit planning was discussed in terms of this flowchart. The committee then went to a Speech/Drama classroom for a demonstration of smart podiums by the firm Nomad Technologies. Although the demonstration was truncated because of time, it was well received and highly educational.

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