

President's Report to the Senate
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CORE

Dr. Spink announced that the District is almost ready to showcase its plan to annex part of the Recreation and Parks property between L Street and Pacific Coast Highway. They will come to Harbor before the CPC to report their findings and make their suggestions soon.

Design/build for the library and the sciences building(s) are going forward. Seem to be on schedule, except we are still waiting for the state architects approval of the library and we are facing a deadline for the funds. We think (hope) that that deadline will be extended because of the state freezes on services and money availability these past several months.

Chevron representatives gave an overview of the parking lot construction and its costs. The first phase should be completed in the next few weeks, and the second phase started soon. Second phase will involve the south end of the parking lot between the football and baseball fields. Currently, Chevron says it can get the parking restored quickly and then do the installation of the solar poles and panels row by row when approvals are all in place.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The all-college/community retreat on the educational master plan was held on March 27. About 80 people participated, including about twenty from the community. Results of this effort will come before the Senate on April 16 (if we can get all those comments together that quickly) before it is submitted to CPC for approval. Watch for this after Spring Break. The timeline for crafting this five year master plan runs through the end of June, so we have a tight turn-around to get everything done by then.

AREA C MEETING March 28

Susan McMurray and I attended the meeting at Valley College and went over approximately 30 resolutions that are suggested for the statewide plenary session on April 18. Several resolutions dealt with discipline list changes, and those of you involved should make sure you review those before I go to the plenary session to vote. Also, there were several resolutions dealing with diversity, including one urging local senates to recognize and help our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, and one asking that the state senate leadership work with the Accrediting Commission to assure that enough faculty approved by the Senate is available for accreditation visits. From our day long session, it appears that this year's session will be lively.

We also were apprised that elections for the statewide senate will be held and that several of the top positions, but not the presidency, are being contested. Anyone interested in applying?

DISTRICT ACADEMIC SENATE (DAS)

Elections for officers will be held in May, and anyone interested in these positions should immediately submit their interest to Donald Gauthier at Valley College or contact me.

The DAS also had a lively discussion re District Office expenses and proliferation of committees at the District level. See David Beaulieu's report from March 31, 2009 where he addresses some of these concerns. (I e-mailed this to LAHC-ALL).

