



Facilities Committee

MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2014

Student Services Building, Room 414 | 3:15 PM

Present:

1. *Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh*, President
2. *Aracely Aguiar*, Dean, Academic Affairs
3. *Kevin Considine*, Faculty Co-chair, AFT rep
4. *Allan Hansen*, Manager, Plant Facilities
5. *Bruce Hicks*, SEIU Representative
6. *Michael Goltermann (for P. Braxton)*, Dean, Admissions
7. *Sheila Jeter-Williams*, AFT Staff Guild
8. *Jeffrey Lee*, Academic Senate rep
9. *Cristi Lizares*, AFT Staff Guild (alternate)
10. *Olga Shewfelt*, Chair, AFT Faculty Guild
11. *Ken Takeda*, VP, Admin. Services, Co-chair
12. *Rudy Triviso*, AFT Faculty Guild (alternate)
13. *Jane Witucki*, Academic Senate rep

Resource: *Steve Sharr*, CPM, Cumming/GKKWorks
Zep Puchalski, Program Management
Office, BuildLACCD

Absent:

1. *Phyllis Braxton*, VP, Student Services (Interim)
2. *Adrienne Foster*, President, Academic Senate
3. *Matthew McCracken*, President, ASO
4. *Matthew Robertson*, WEC Chair
5. *Robert Sprague*, VP, Academic Affairs

Guests:

1. *Jason Coleman*, Faculty, Hospitality
2. *Barry Sloan*, Assoc. Dean, Academic Affairs

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Ken Takeda at 3:24 PM. The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the minutes of August 18th, 25th, and Sep 19th, 2014

Minutes were approved as presented.

3. Bond Program Reports:

A. Campus Construction Program Report

Steve Sharr introduced Zep Puchalski from program management office at BuildLACCD who acts as the liaison between the college and Build. S. Sharr also announced the transition that will occur in the coming weeks. A new CPM Diana Johnson will begin her term at West, and S. Sharr will stay until October 31 to ensure a smooth transition. President Abu-Ghazaleh, joined by other members, thanked S. Sharr for his partnership and leadership.

S. Sharr went over the Campus Construction Program Report (October 20, 2014) and highlighted

the progress of several projects such as campus signage, fire alarm and Watson 2. The latter is undergoing a value engineering process for some cost reduction. The design will also account for the prospect of expansion should future funding opportunity arises. Olga Shewfelt requested that the description of value engineering be provided for records purposes.

The District has requested additional contingency funds from the colleges which brings the current contingency allocation up from 10% to approximately 20%.

The HLRC renovation, part of LLB packet, was discussed. The last three projects in the New/Renovation LLB packet are contingent to completion of the preceding projects and balance available, or they will not move forward.

The priority of the amphitheater project was questioned. It was explained that leaving the excavated location as is requires continuous maintenance to keep the soil and slopes in stable condition. The annual cost of such maintenance is approximately \$140K. Converting the site into an amphitheater will not only result in a cost-saving measure for the college but also create a usable space.

B. Independent Review Panel Report

Ken Takeda shared the Independent Review Panel report that was also discussed at a recent AFT Faculty Guild meeting in response to questions regarding some changes in the construction program such as the decisions of centralization-decentralization-centralization of the construction projects and the change in program management oversight at the college level. The report was created by a blue-ribbon committee formed by then Chancellor LaVista following the LA Times stories.

4. Operational Reports

A. Alumni Walk Project

Jason Coleman, WLAC Foundation President, talked about the idea of having an Alumni Walk project as a fundraising effort. Discussion occurred on the location of the fundraising bricks, expansion possibility, maintenance and longevity. The revenue will be used for the Foundation operating funds since the Foundation is not covered by the general funds.

Olga Shewfelt requested a rendering of the location of the Alumni Walk showing the bricks. Sheila Jeter-Williams requested that an alternate location be used such as the numerous cement walls on campus. The topic will be brought back again for discussion on the next meeting agenda.

B. Preliminary 2014-15 Scheduled Maintenance

The District approved funding of approximately \$1M for the projects submitted by the college for Block Grant and scheduled maintenance. The projects submitted were discussed at the Facilities special meeting on August 25. Included in the proposal are projects that are overdue for maintenance such as replacing the transformer/feeder in the HLRC and PE Buildings, repairing the elevators in HLRC and CE Buildings, re-plastering the pool, etc. Other funding that can be tapped into for the remainder of the maintenance projects is Prop 39. President Abu-Ghazaleh thanked Allan Hansen for his strong advocate for West and management of these multi-year projects.

5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Next meeting: **November 17, 2014, at 3:15 PM in SSB 414**