

**FACILITIES PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006, AT 2PM
JACOBS PACIFICA CONFERENCE ROOM**

<p>PRESENT: David Beaulieu Wendy Bass Lurelean Gaines Robert Isomoto Ernest Moreno Richard Moyer Alexis Navarro Larry Powell</p>	<p>Katherine Pfeiffer Carlos Reyes Richard Rosalez Guillermo Torres Olita Tulifua Chris Turk R.C. Williams</p>
<p>ABSENT: Richard Guy Renee Martinez Gonzalo Mendoza</p>	<p>Leonor Perez Gary Johnston</p>
<p>GUESTS: Karen Daar Sheila Goldstein John Grimmer Lori Guidry Stanley Oropesa</p>	<p>James Kenny Carol Lem Ramon Miramontes</p>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by R. Isomoto at 2:07PM.

1. Review minutes of 12/15/05 -tabled.

2. Facilities Update – L. Guidry

- a) L. Guidry gave a brief report, stating that several projects were being closed out (see attached summary sheet).
- b) This was followed by a general discussion wherein the committee stated that they had previously requested a cost breakout for the Art Gallery portion of the Performing and Fine Arts Center. This cost breakout was then disclosed as being \$13.5 million total (including "hard" and "soft" costs). The Committee also requested a breakdown of the "soft costs" for the next FPSC meeting on 1/19 as well as a draft copy of the monthly newsletter.

- c) The President said we need to find out what resources we have available and improve the situation immediately for the English Department. The other issue is that the estimated costs are exorbitantly high and puts the E1 building in jeopardy (the one-stop student center) as well as the parking structures which we sacrificed to accommodate academic buildings that now do not exist. The burning question is: what can be constructed and what cannot? More specific information is required on the performing arts center. What happens to the balance of our proposal, our promise to students of adequate services? All these issues have to be addressed. The parking structure is now estimated at \$32million, up from approximately \$18million and it we still have not gone out to bid on it, at which time if it ends up being more than that anticipated, then another project will have to be put into jeopardy in order to accommodate it. R. Moyer said the committee should not lose sight of the fact that there is a large lecture hall that is a part of the gallery.

- d) S. Goldstein said that perhaps the ongoing construction and constant displacement of students from one classroom to another is having a negative effect on enrollment. R. Moyer argued that the 111% current enrollment contradicts that. President Moreno said with ongoing construction there is going to be disruption. As bad as ELAC's enrollment is, Valley College is 10% down in enrollment. The sooner the parking structure is built the better the situation will be. Perhaps the best we can do is planning and directing students to their classroom as we did a horrible job of it during fall registration. Many of the students are new and not familiar with the campus.

- e) D. Beaulieu said we do need to talk about the PFAC because it has ramifications to the whole campus plan; are we able to go to faculty and justify spending \$76 million on that complex. He then inquired if ELAC was going back to the state to ask for additional money on top of the \$16million as well as to request a waiver of the financial restrictions regarding altering the program. President Moreno responded that altering the program is a small aspect of the whole issue. There are a number of arguments that can support the building such as the tremendous commitment already made. He said the committee will have a better idea of how much of a deficit we have when the parking structure goes out to bid, and then we may have to re-estimate the Fine Arts complex. R. Isomoto said that the state would most likely withdraw the funds if we change/alter the scope of the PFAC building.

- f) D. Beaulieu reminded the President that he had proposed building a 2-story building where the Art Department is located and instead renovate E3/E5 buildings. President Moreno said the replacement of E3/E5 was originally \$14million and the state decided to give us \$16million to cover cost increases, we now know this is still not adequate. ELAC has asked that the state allow it to build a 2 story building and augment that 40,000+ sq ft with a larger facility

perhaps a 80,000 sq ft, then a structure duplicating that could be built ie, a rectangular two-story building, which may house the English Department. The president said he could not make any promises, but said there is a strong possibility for that and inquired on the current square footage occupied by the English Department, however, no one had an answer. Some faculty complained about the deplorable teaching conditions, ie. no air-conditioning, classrooms that resembled army barracks, etc. President Moreno said that the district funded the smaller colleges and neglected large campuses such as East, City. It is imperative that we get an aggressive representative to replace the outgoing representative. He went on to give a history of the English department “nomadic” existence: the English Department was occupying the P buildings in the early 1990’s, however those buildings were destroyed but there was no plan to accommodate the English Department. In the end, they were temporarily placed in the library. He said his plan is to tear down the A bungalows and erect new temporary bungalows similar to the C bungalows. However, this has to be done in a sequential manner.

- g) D. Beaulieu revisited the PFAC budget issue says it is excessive to spend \$76 on the PFAC, calling it a “hard sell”. He went on to say that the President cannot promise to the community in 2001, to build a healthcare career center, a language art center, a performing arts center and a parking lot and then approach the state twice, using the A complex as replacement justification, and the end up using that replacement money to replace other departments other than the English department. Prioritization should be worked out; those promised first should receive first.
- h) L. Powell said there are other departments operating under similar horrendous conditions. C. Turk added that the Art Department is also operating under terrible conditions. S. Goldstein gave the analogy of one tearing down their kitchen to rebuild a new one and then discovering that there isn’t enough money to do so. However the President said the college is a public entity that abides by rules and regulations and certain phases of construction may take a year by which time costs have gone up.
- i) J. Kenny said it is important to come up with a plan immediately. President Moreno said it is a top priority to move the English Department from the A bungalows and then put together a long term plan to house them permanently elsewhere. D. Beaulieu said the faculty were willing to wait until the parking lot was constructed; most people accepted building the PFAC first. The faculty accepted putting off academic buildings for a number of years. President Moreno reminded the committee that the Math building was scheduled before any other building.
- j) President Moreno gave a history of the MTA parking situation on Collegian Avenue. A grant was issued through the MTA to get the buses off the street. However, when the funds for the parking structure was lost, the college no longer

wanted the buses on campuses. However, it is now most likely that they will have to come on campus as originally planned. The advantages of this are three-fold: a) If we get another bond measure and have money for the parking structure, the bus terminal can easily be accommodated; b) we can continue to construct the PFAC as planned; and c) when the MTA Gold line is constructed there is a strong likelihood that that terminal will become one of the stops. However, the disadvantage is that it would take much needed land away from the campus. R. Isomoto suggested tearing down the bungalows and using the area as parking lot until the project comes out of DSA. Construction has to be done in sequential order for minimum disruption. The earmarked funds have to be encumbered by end of January, that is, approximately \$200,000, and if we return the money it will become a political issue. He cited the recent action of the City whereby the college was charged for traffic control during an event when the stadium was in use.

3. Items from the floor – none.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006, AT 2PM JACOBS PACIFICA CONFERENCE ROOM
