

**Los Angeles Community College District
Board of Trustees**

**District Citizens' Oversight Committee
Los Angeles Pierce College**

**Friday, January 3, 2003
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Inez Broussard, Taxpayer Representative; Marvin Hoffman LACC; Mark Iles, LASW; Ezequiel Ibarbia, LAPC; Maria Reza, LAMC; Steven Manning, LAVC.

Vice Chairman Iles called the meeting to order at 12 Noon.

The roll call was taken and the meeting began without a quorum. As a result, no vote was taken on the October 4, 2002 minutes.

Peter Landsberger indicated that Chancellor Drummond would make a statement to the committee on the status of Proposition A and future plans. Barbara Chiavelli was introduced as the new Director of Facilities Planning & Development for non bond-related construction in the District.

Update of Proposition A Activities

Fred Gans discussed progress in the six month period from July 1 to December 31, 2002. Completion of master plans and environmental impact reports is a high priority as no construction work other than modernization can begin until both are completed and approved. There was a review of cost categories: hard costs which represent 75 – 80 percent of the total allocation; soft costs (design costs, legal expenses, etc), other costs (includes land acquisition) and program wide costs which includes fees for the program management firm. College budgets relative to these categories were discussed.

Handouts were distributed as follows (copy on file): Prop A Bond Program, Master Plan/EIR Schedule; Prop A Construction Project Summary; Prop A Budget Comparison, and the Prop A Cumulative Financial Report (as of 11/30/02). The committee was reminded that a large percentage of expenditures in the first 2 ½ years of the bond measure program will be in the soft

cost and program wide categories. Mary Lee reviewed the Cumulative Financial Report which shows Board approved expenditures of \$ 131.47 million as of 11-30-02.

Financial and Performance Audit Report

Tom Snow of KPMG introduced the Proposition A Audit Report covering the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. The audit received an “unqualified opinion” with no unusual adjustments other than those related to timing issues. Two handouts (copy on file) were distributed and discussed. Mr. Snow stated that the nature of the audit will change as more contractors are hired and contracted to do work. In addition, the audit column headings may change. Mona Garber presented the performance audit. She discussed some of the process issues and the methodology for the performance audit. Only one substantial recommendation made by the auditors has not been acted upon by the District– that members of the Chancellor’s Bond Steering Committee be rotated. Chancellor Drummond acknowledged that a difference of opinion exists on the recommendation and explained his rationale for maintaining the current members during the early implementation phase.

Future Plans

Peter Landsberger stated that all colleges have made substantial progress in the bond program. He stated that the Board is considering a proposal to place another bond measure before the voters to ensure that college master plans can be completed. Chancellor Drummond offered three reasons for going forward with a new bond measure at this time: 1) energy upgrades – modernization and upgrades to college physical plants can take advantage of incentives to fund energy improvements; 2) the LACCD has a commitment to build satellite centers to serve underserved communities; and 3) the colleges will need additional money to complete the master plans now that expert analysis has been retained to fully establish costs of the required build-out of those plans.

Preliminary polling indicates a continued high level of support among likely voters should a bond measure be placed on the May 2003 ballot. If at least one of the 4 trustee races that will be voted upon on March 4, 2003 goes to a run-off, the District can place the new bond measure on the May ballot. Discussion among the committee members followed with both pro and con positions being articulated. Chancellor Drummond indicated that he wants the committee to understand

the District's rationale for going forward while acknowledging that pro and con arguments do exist relative to the proposal.

Camille Goulet stated that, by law, the DCOC is obligated to produce an annual report of its own activities. Staff will talk to the DCOC Chair about organizing a subcommittee to prepare a draft for committee review.

Pierce College Presentation

President Rocky Young of Pierce College welcomed the committee. He stated that the college was built largely in two periods – the late 1940s and the early 1960s. In 1980, a Theatre Arts Building was built, but there has been no significant building program since its completion. The building plan for Pierce College includes 3 instructional buildings – a Science Complex, Technology Building, and a Child Development Center. President Young spoke of the unique agricultural heritage of the college and how it fits with the current master plan. He mentioned several public-private partnerships that are underway. He spoke of the challenges and problems that arise that cannot be anticipated until demolition begins, citing the parking lot renovation as an example. Following the presentation, DCOC members were invited to personally view projects that are underway at the college.

Announcement

The next meetings of the DCOC on the annual schedule are April 4, 2003 and July 18, 2003.