

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

**District Citizens' Oversight Committee
Los Angeles Trade Technical College**

**Friday, April 4, 2003
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Bruce Ackerman, Business Representative; Inez Broussard, Taxpayer Rep.; Margaret Hernandez, Harbor College Rep.; Marvin Hoffman, City College Rep.; Mark Iles, Southwest College Rep.; Ezequiel Ibarbia, Pierce College Rep.; Ted Kimbrough, Chair & Foundations Rep.; Steven Manning, Valley College Rep.; Kent Wong, Labor Rep.

Chairman Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 12 Noon.

The roll call was taken and the meeting began with a quorum. A vote was taken to adopt the minutes of October 4, 2002 and January 3, 2003. In a separate vote, the committee adopted its own annual report and voted to accept the special auditor's Proposition A Audit Report covering the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

In accordance with the DCOC bylaws, it was announced that the 2-year terms of committee members will end as of June 30, 2003. Declaration forms were distributed to all DCOC members. These forms will be used by the members to indicate their desire to be considered for re-appointment to an additional 2-year term effective with a Board action to so re-appoint. Peter Landsberger thanked all members for their dedicated service to the District.

Status of Proposition A Activities

Mary Lee offered brief remarks followed by the introduction of the DMGM/JGM program management team. Fred Gans discussed recent activities, the progress of the project management firms, and general budget expenditures.

He distinguished emerging spending patterns in hard costs, soft costs, program-wide costs, and other costs. Most of the early spending has been in the area of soft costs (e.g. design and development). Master planning and the environment impact report (EIR) approval process has engaged most of the colleges with LACC, ELAC and Pierce having received Board approval of significant projects. The District's initial goal was to spend 80 percent of the \$ 525 million bond outlay during the first 3 years of planning, development and construction.

Construction Sequencing Plan

The committee was informed of strategies under development at each college to sequence construction activities to promote the efficient use of budget resources and to minimize the disruption to ongoing academic programs on campus. Harbor College's experience was set forth as an example of activity in this area of planning.

In response to comments and questions from committee members, there was discussion of economic development activities under the bond measure program.

Trade Technical College Report

Daniel Castro, President, Trade Technical College, welcomed the DCOC to the campus, introduced staff and offered brief remarks. He introduced Jim Favaro of MDA Johnson Favaro Architects, the firm that has been retained to guide the college's facilities design and development. He explained the conceptual framework for the design effort. Development will include a North Campus and a South Campus. Land acquisition efforts have been initiated to clear the way for the South Campus expansion. Committee members inquired about enrollment growth projections, external versus internal design strategies, service area capacity and strategies to meet changing educational needs of the community.

Proposition AA

In April 2001 the District offered Proposition A as a solution to its development needs and asked for support of its construction and renovation program based on an estimate of existing conditions. Proposition AA will allow the District to complete the master plans that have been developed under the current funding authorization. Included is the authorization to pay for services that are currently non-bond funded. In addition, the District can redeem certificates of participation thus saving the taxpayers payments on certificates which are paid at higher rates.

There was general discussion of the merits of a second bond measure and its prospects for success before the electorate. Each committee was asked to share relevant information on the proposed Proposition AA with their respective constituency.

Announcement

The next meeting of the DCOC will be held on July 18, 2003 at which time there will be a reconstitution of the committee, election of officers, and the adoption of the annual meeting schedule for 2003-2004.