

**District Citizens Oversight Committee  
Los Angeles Community College District Office  
Friday, May 21, 2004  
12:00 noon- 2:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

In attendance: Bruce Ackerman, Business Representative; Edmundo Avalos, Student Representative; Valerie Fields, Senior Representative; Jutta Graham, Mission College; Marvin Hoffman, Los Angeles City College; Charina Holmes, East Los Angeles College; Mark Iles, Los Angeles Southwest College; Jim Lynch, West Los Angeles College; Steven Manning, Los Angeles Valley College; Davia Solomon, Foundation Representative; Kent Wong; Labor Representative; Dr. Peter Landsberger, Chancellor; Darroch "Rocky" Young, Senior Vice Chancellor; Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director Facilities Planning and Development, Los Angeles Community College District.

Marvin Hoffman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Minutes were approved as written.

**Standard Reports:**

Ms. Fields requested that the reports show future projections, not just past activities. Mr. Eisenberg said the reporting is in the process of being changed to project expenses for the next 8 years.

Michael Bishop, Deputy Program Director DMJM/JGM, reported that there is \$1 billion in the design phase and \$59 million in projects under construction. 27 projects have been completed. The Board of Trustees has approved an additional \$250 million for projects under contract but not yet built.

Mr. Ackerman requested that another column be added to the Standard Report to reflect projects under construction and projects completed.

**Outreach Program:**

Mr. Eisenberg re-iterated the aggressive program for outreach to small, local and emerging businesses. There has been at least one outreach event every other week, including a presentation to the Asian American Architects and Engineers; and visits with the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce. West Los Angeles College recently awarded the athletic field to Valley Crest Contractors, who successfully added new firms to their team through this outreach program.

One percent of the total program has been allocated to outreach, apprenticeship and the intern program. Instead of being an expense, these programs turn out to be a savings to the colleges.

**Re-Baselining:**

Each college is re-estimating their budgets taking into account the 30% increase in the cost of steel, inflation of cement, sheet rock and lumber. To meet increase costs, some will have to cut back on the number of buildings built so they can maintain the integrity of each of the buildings they do build.

**Contractor Performance Bond Program:**

The District is creating a program to help small firms access the bonds necessary for doing business with a public entity. This program will create a bond guarantee and other assistance by managing the payment process for goods and services. Without this service, new small

businesses have difficulty getting these bonds on their own. The program is still in the design phase.

The committee would like to hear more about this at their next meeting.

**College Reports:**

ELAC: The college is looking a sites off campus for the Southgate Center: the former Ameron building near Firestone and Atlantic. There is a contamination risk which is solvable.

Southwest: There has been a change in Project Management. There is a new web site for the the community to see the progress of the new student services building.

Valley: Projects in the DSA ???

Trade: High school magnet??

Mission: The college is trying to complete its EIR; spent \$9 million on soft costs; working under the old master plan until the land swap occurs and new master plan is complete; President Barrera is keeping the community well informed.

Pierce: The college is undergoing its rebaselining project. There have been unexpected costs resulting from unfavorable soil conditions.

City: The driving range has re-opened after a full day of safety testing. If it is found that a ball is hit out of the range and onto the campus, the facility will be closed.

**Event Protocol:**

Mr. Eisenberg distributed a draft of event protocol, for ground breakings, topping off and ribbon cutting ceremonies. The committee will review at its next meeting.

Next Meetings: 9/10/04; 12/3/04; 2/4/05; 5/6/05

It was recommended that the photo tour be the first item on the agenda.

A new president will be elected at the September meeting.