

**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING (NO. 15)
OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PASADENA CITY COLLEGE
C233 – The President’s Conference Room
1570 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91106
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006
6:00 P.M.**

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The Citizens Oversight Committee met for Regular Meeting No. 15 on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in Room C233 – The President’s Conference Room of Pasadena City College, 1570 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91106.

Members Present

Daniel Braun
Gregory Brown, Vice Chair
Connie Chung
Jonathan Fuhrman, Chair
Lynne Hess
Michael Karsch
John Lee
Angie Mont O’Brien
John Murphy
Sam Thomas

Members Absent

Victor Griego
Fred Zepeda

Support Staff Present

Juan Gutierrez
Peter Hardash, Convenor
Jack Schulman
Richard van Pelt

Support Staff Absent

James Kossler

Other Guests Present

Geoffrey Baum, Trustee Rep
Larry Fugal, Citizen

Other Guests Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Fuhrman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Note: Items were not discussed in the same order as they appeared on the Agenda.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Connie Chung, the new Student Trustee, was introduced to the committee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting No. 13 – October 26, 2005

MOTION ON MOTION OF Mr. Karsch, and seconded by Ms. Hess, the Committee voted, by a majority vote of all members present to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 13 held on October 26, 2005, as submitted.

MOTION ON MOTION OF Mr. Thomas, and seconded by Ms. Mont O’Brien, the Committee voted, by a majority vote of all members present to accept the unofficial notes of Regular Meeting No. 14 held on January 25, 2006, as submitted noting that a quorum was not present at that meeting.

IV. STATUS REPORTS – JACK SCHULMAN & PETER HARDASH**A. INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING (ITB)**

Peter Hardash reviewed various artistic renditions of the ITB including office space and classroom floor plans. The building exterior is being designed to compliment pre-existing structures on campus. Approximately 99.9% of the indoor space design has been confirmed with users. Spaces in the Auto Shop will be more efficient, more modern, and have more equipment than the existing shop. The design should be finalized within the next two weeks.

B. CAMPUS CENTER BUILDING (CCB)

Peter recapped how the initial cost of a new facility far exceeds the cost of renovating the existing structure. Much progress has been made on this design. The CCB will accommodate the Bookstore, Campus Police & Safety, Student Business Services (Bank), Associated Student Offices, a Student Lounge, a Board Meeting Room, and Cafeteria/Food Services. The Bookstore will be a two-story structure. The Bookstore is operated for the benefit of the students. Annual profits of approximately \$400K go primarily to the students for clubs, Associated Student activities, etc. Profits are made from merchandising sales, not by selling textbooks, which is why more emphasis will be put on merchandising. On-line textbook sales will be introduced in the new facility. Artistic rendition of the facility and floor plan layouts were reviewed.

Both the CCB and ITB designs are close to completion and will move into the construction development phase soon. Concerns were addressed regarding the change of architects and the repercussions on the project as well as previously stated faculty concerns. The Chancellor's Office provides the District with scheduled maintenance funds based on assigned square footage (a.s.f.). Faculty provides considerable input throughout the planning and designing process. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2007.

C. ARTS BUILDING (AB)

This committee is chaired by two Division Deans: Alex Kritselis (Visual Arts & Media Studies) and James Arnwine (Performing & Communication Arts) since both divisions will share space in the same facility. The committee evaluated four architect presentations and decided to schedule site visits to three firms. When the list is narrowed down to one architect, Peter Hardash will negotiate the contract as authorized by the Board. It is anticipated that the architect recommendation could be finalized as early as July or as late as November 2006. We already know that this project is approximately \$5-6 million over budget due to inflationary construction materials and labor costs.

D. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LIST

Rick van Pelt distributed a list of Reconstruction Upgrade Projects that itemized construction value, tentative start dates and specific architects. A Request of Qualifications (RFQ) for architects was prepared. Ultimately, it was decided to give local architect firms this type of work. Architect fees for new construction are 8% of the budget, while architect fees for remodels/reconstruction are 10% because more work needs to be done. All are subject to Board approval.

E. YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES

There were no substantial expenditures added to the year-to-date figures.

Peter Hardash discussed the artificial turf installation in Robinson Stadium noting that this project will not be paid for with Measure P funds. Substantial donations from Sharp Seating and the Tournament of Roses organization will help fund this project. The "carpet" will arrive on May 1 and will be installed within four weeks.

As part of the city's East Colorado Specific Plan, Peter also advised that the Colorado perimeter of the campus would be modified over a six-week period of time during the summer to extend that section of the sidewalk to provide "kiss and run" pockets for public transportation and drop off only. This work will be completed solely at the city's expense.

An activity timeline schedule was distributed which delineated projects by phase and timeline for completion through the year 2011.

V. ROTATION SCHEDULE

Peter Hardash pointed out that six committee seats are due for rotation in July 2006. The Board of Trustees will decide on representation later in May or by early June 2006. Geoff Baum expressed his appreciation to current members for their service on this committee, and encouraged those eligible to serve a second term to consider continuing in their current capacity. Peter reminded all members that they will be expected to attend the meeting in July 2006.

VI. BONDS**A. REFINANCING SERIES A**

After the Board Meeting on May 4, Bond Legal Counsel will meet with Peter Hardash, Dr. James Kossler and the Trustees' Audit Subcommittee to discuss refinancing options for the \$33 million Series A Bonds from a long-term 25 year bond to a shorter period of time. Currently, the bonds earn about 2% interest sitting in the county pool, while refinancing the bonds could earn about 3 ¾ - 4% interest. This process could cover the \$5-\$6 million budget shortage for the Arts Building project.

B. SERIES B ISSUANCE OPTIONS

Other colleges have sold all of their bond series and are going out for more bonds to address the effects of inflationary costs for construction materials and labor. Our District will be issuing Series B bonds; however, we want to explore also refinancing Series A first, keeping in mind our promise to maintain a specific rate for the taxpayers.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geoff Baum, Trustee Representative, announced and congratulated Greg Brown, Committee Vice Chair, on his recent election as Mayor of La Canada-Flintridge.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**FUTURE MEETINGS: JULY 26, 2006
OCTOBER 25, 2006
JANUARY 24, 2007
APRIL 25, 2007**

The purpose of said Bond Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on the following proposition (the "Bond Measure") which is to appear on the card notice of election and upon the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Pasadena Area Community College District repair and rehabilitate its facilities to meet current health, safety, accessibility and instructional standards, replace worn-out plumbing, upgrade existing electrical systems to better access technology, replace aging heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, renovate outdated classrooms and other vocational training facilities, and construct other facilities to relieve overcrowding, by issuing \$150 million in bonds, at interest rates within the legal limit, and appoint a citizens oversight committee to oversee expenditures?" Measure P was approved by 69.84% of the votes.