

Santa Barbara City College
College Planning Council
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
A218C
~ Minutes ~

PRESENT: A. Serban (Chair), I. Alarcon, L. Auchincloss, P. Bishop, D. Cooper, S. Ehrlich, J. Friedlander, T. Garey, M. Guillen, J. Meyer, K. Molloy, C. Ramirez, J. Sullivan, C. Avendano

GUESTS: A. Scharper, L. Stark, G. Smith, B. Partee

ABSENT: S. Knotts, Student Trustee, S. Broderick

Call to Order

Superintendent/President Dr. Serban called the meeting to order.

1. Discussion on developments related to problems with state fund matching for capital projects that has a direct impact on the funding for the Drama Music remodel.
 - a. Superintendent/President Serban presented the information from the Status of State Matching Funds for Capital Outlay Projects handout. This handout distills the information from 10 pages to 4 pages, the relevant information pertaining to the State Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) vote to freeze all disbursements for State capital projects, the background and impact of the freeze, the Drama Music Building modernization project status and current situation, our options for moving forward and lastly recommendations.
 - b. Superintendent/President Serban reported that no funds are now dispersed for matching that had already been approved and promised. The immediate impact for us on the Drama Music remodel was estimated when the bond materials were put together as being \$10 million from Measure V funding and approximately \$30 million from the State and matching funds. The fact that the State does not have money right now doesn't mean that they will not have the money later; at some point in time this bond will be sold and the money will come through.
 - c. VP Sullivan spoke with the State Chancellor's office and was assured that we will not be releasing our claim to being reimbursed if we continue with the process and even if we fund the completion of the project with Measure V money, we are not releasing our right to be reimbursed later when the State is able to sell the bonds. Superintendent/President Serban went on to state that it is important to understand that while theoretically we should get the reimbursement later when the State sells the bond, there is potential of not being reimbursed at all if we actually proceed with this. Theoretically this is a low risk decision, but it is a risk that I think is important we acknowledge as a possibility.
 - d. VP Sullivan handed out and went through the updated Drama/Music Pre-Construction Schedule. The signed copy of the drawings of the DSA have been received by the Chancellor's office. VP Sullivan was told by Chancellor's Office that the approval to go to bid will be given by February 6th and at that point the project will continue as planned:

the “go-to-bid” Job Walk, the bid opening and then take the bids to the Study Session to get the authorization to start the construction process by March 19th.

- e. Superintendent/President Serban reported that one of the key points in terms of not losing the ability to claim reimbursement is that we are actually approved by the State. Our construction contract needs to be approved by the State, if we proceed without their approval, we lose our ability to claim reimbursement. So according to this schedule, we would ask for the State approval around March 19th, beginning of April. If by the beginning of April, the situation with the state is not any better meaning that they still haven't sold the bonds that they still cannot match the funds, then if we commit to using Measure V, they will approve us for construction with understanding that we will get reimbursed later. We can totally ignore them, but then we lose the ability to get reimbursed. That is what is under option A. Option B is there, and that is not a good option because of the large amount of financial loss. Option C, which was not on this, is to stop everything. The consequences of voting for that option would be massive. If we don't keep with this schedule, the school will have basically killed the opportunity to have this project done by June of 2010.
- f. Classified Consultation Group Member Ramirez asked a question to clarify what would happen with the SoMA Project, Academic Senate President Alarcon reported that the Academic Senate would most likely want clarification of the deferred maintenance projects. He will ask if they can move this voting item from a discussion item to an action item and vote on it at their meeting tomorrow.
- g. Superintendent/President Serban said she asked that the members take this information back to their constituencies to review and vote on, then bring the information back to CPC to make a decision by the February 17th CPC Meeting as to which option CPC would vote for.
- h. Executive VP Friedlander asked if we could vote on this prior to the February 17th Meeting. He along with Past Academic Senate President Molloy and Academic Senate Representative Garey expressed an interest in voting sooner.
- i. Superintendent/President Serban stated that since this is a lot of information to take in and absorb, she thought the constituencies should have more time to think about it and they will take a vote February 17th.

M/S/C [J/Friedlander/JSullivan] to adjourn the meeting.

Superintendent/President Serban adjourned the meeting.

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Tuesday, February 3, 2009 3:00-4:30pm A218C