

MINUTES OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT

February 21, 2006

The Ad Hoc Committee (East Campus Needs) meeting of the Board of Regents of the Del Mar College District convened in the Isensee Board Room, Harvin Student Center, Del Mar College East Campus, Baldwin and Ayers, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 3:38 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, with the following present:

From the Committee:

Dr. Haysam Dawod, Chair, Mr. Bill Chriss, and Mr. Guy Watts (left at 4:00 p.m.), Mr. Dan Talley, Coordinating Architect, Dr. Ann Lopez, Dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences.

From the Board:

Mr. Gabriel Rivas III, Mrs. Chris Adler, Mr. Trey McCampbell

From the College:

Mr. José Rivera, Vice President of Student Development; Dr. Rosie Garcia, Interim Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs; Mrs. Vickie Natale, Dean of Administrative Services; Mrs. Susie Kaspar, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President; Ms. Claudia Jackson, Assistant to the President for Community Relations; Mr. Mike Westergren, In-House Counsel.

**Call to Order/Quorum Call/Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Haysam Dawod, chair, called the meeting to order, and there being a quorum present, requested a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**1. Tour of East Campus**

Dr. Ann López, Dean of Arts and Sciences, distributed a document entitled “East Campus Facility Needs,” and Mr. Kim Frederick, Drama Department, handed out site plans for the Del Mar College Proscenium Theater.

Mr. Dan Talley, WKMC Architects, Inc., distributed a document that addressed master planning of East and West Campuses. He commented that there are three basic levels to consider in future facility development:

1. Long-range vision (30,000 feet / 30 years)
2. Specific Programs/Facilities (2-10 years)
3. Reuse of Vacated Space in Current Building Programs

The committee determined the order of the building tour and agreed that another tour would be scheduled to complete the tour, if needed:

1. Harvin Student Center
2. Music Department
3. Drama Department
4. English Building
5. Heldenfels Administration Building
6. Memorial Classroom Building

### **Harvin Student Center**

Dr. Rosie García stated that President Garcia wanted the staff to address student-related needs on the tour. The following needs were discussed:

Retama Room (Dr. Rosie Garcia) – Needs to be refurbished and acoustics improved

Second Floor (Mr. Rivera) – A lot of traffic and numerous activities. The TRIO area is being redesigned and more space is needed for mentoring and tutoring. Mr. Rivera's office will be relocated to the former Foundation Office area.

The committee walked through the second-floor outdoor balcony. Willie Keller mentioned issues with rain water on the balcony. Dr. Dawod asked if the area is structurally sound. Mr. Talley did not know.

Dr. Rosie García stated the need to determine a location for Early College High School students to have lunch. Mr. Rivas mentioned that a bond issue would address adding a third floor to the building. Dr. Ann López stated that the Journalism program needs lab space.

### **Music Department**

The committee continued on the Music building, stopping first in Wolfe Recital Hall. Dr. Andy Wen, Chair, stated that the hall has a capacity of 262 plus handicapped spaces. Dr. López called the committee's attention to her handout which listed the following needs for Wolfe Recital Hall, which were further discussed by Dr. Wen:

- Installation of light and sound barriers
- Installation of sound proofing from outside noise

- Upgrading of renovation of backstage for performances and improved hall lighting system to adequately meet performance needs
- Better locks and surveillance for security purposes

Dr. Wen explained that when the doors to the hall are opened during a performance, outside noise disturbs the performers as well as the audience.

Mr. Keller stated he would meet with WKMC Architects to begin planning to address the needs.

Dr. Wen stated that the size of Wolfe Recital Hall is adequate as long as Richardson Auditorium is available as well. He stated that the best scenario would be to have two halls, one such as Wolfe and another in between the size of Wolfe and Richardson.

Dr. Wen stated that the acoustics in Wolfe Recital Hall are “pretty good.” New carpet has helped improve the acoustics for louder instruments in the room.

Dr. Dawod asked about sound-proofing the rehearsal rooms. Dr. Wen responded that he would like that need to be addressed with bond money. There are 22 offices and 15-20 practice rooms. Storage space is also an issue.

Mr. Talley mentioned that \$500,000 of bond money was added to this building.

Mr. Kelly White, Director of Director of Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management, mentioned that asbestos has been identified in the building and a plan of action is being set in place.

### **Art and Drama**

Moving from the Music area to Drama, Dr. López pointed out the need to close in the outdoor kiln used by the Art Department.

Mr. Kim Frederick, Drama Department, briefly discussed the proposed proscenium theater, a project since 1999. He directed the tour into the theater area, which is the main teaching space for the department. Mr. Frederick discussed the growth of the program and the need for classroom and storage space. Four Drama classes are currently held in White Library. Costumes are stored in the Library, and the department utilizes two off-campus storage units. Another example of the need for additional space is that movement classes can be accommodated only in the hall or outside.

Mr. Frederick also noted that the department joins the Art and Music Department in what is only the second community college in the nation to have all three of its fine arts programs accredited. He stated a desire to develop a theater technology program, with opportunity for collaboration with Disney, Concrete Street Amphitheater and other similar facilities.

**Board members mentioned that the theater shop was much too small to do the type of productions done by Drama; one Regent asked if the patio could be covered to protect the set pieces that are exposed to the weather.**

Mr. Ken Rosier, Chair of Art and Drama, mentioned the leaking roof in the building. He also discussed a 20-year-out program of museum technology program centered around the College art collection that is expanding due to the Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show.

### **Stone Writing Center**

Ms. Linda Eubank, Director of the Center, informed the committee that the building elevator malfunctions. Additionally, the entry to the building does not provide adequate access for handicapped students. Mr. Kelly White stated that the College is considering altering the entry to face the Harvin Student Center to provide better access to the building.

### **English Building**

Mr. Dean Thorpe, Chair of English and Philosophy, directed the committee to the faculty lounge. He discussed the ongoing efforts to address an odor in the building and possible causes and remedies. He also mentioned air-conditioning and heating problems in the building, and water seepage under the building.

The committee complimented custodian Mike Riordan for the beautifully maintained floors in the building.

## **2. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Related to Evaluation of Needs of the East Campus**

The committee returned to the Isensee Board Room at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Talley stated that he would take the concerns mentioned at the meeting to the meeting with College staff on Thursday, February 23, 2006.

## **3. Calendar**

At Dr. Dawod's request, Mr. Talley will notify him as to an appropriate date for the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting and will provide a report on master planning at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.