

Minutes of the Study Session, Budget Hearing, and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, August 29, 2016

SS2. Foothill-De Anza Community College District - Facilities Master Plan (FMP)

Deborah Shepley of Gensler, Foothill College President Thuy Nguyen, De Anza College President Brian Murphy, and Vice Chancellor McElroy presented highlights of the Facilities Master Plan. Vice Chancellor McElroy commented that there was great participation from the facilities committees at the district and both campuses and that the plan is a snapshot in time, a living document that will change as needs change.

Ms. Shepley provided information regarding the Facilities Master Plan planning process, planning principles, and sustainability section. She advised that a sustainability workshop was held in March that included a cross section of employees from Central Services and the colleges who reviewed prior goals and achievements, examined key performance indicators, and determined new goals.

With regard to the sustainability key performance indicators, trustee Swenson inquired why water usage increased in 2012-2013. Executive Director Kitchen explained that new buildings came on line during that time period and there was also likely an attempt during to save landscaping that was suffering due to drought conditions.

President Nguyen shared the Foothill College recommendations, which include plans to move all Student Services functions to a connected corridor in the center of the upper campus near the Campus Center and Library, improve access and circulation, and build phase two of the Foothill College Sunnyvale Center.

Trustees Bechtel and Swenson questioned the wisdom of moving Student Services as Admissions and Records was originally placed near the campus entrance to provide students with easy access. Foothill College student trustee Courtney Cooper commented that leaving the Disability Resource Center and Veterans Resource Center out of the plan sends an implicit message about who is normal and presents a hardship to students with disabilities who must travel across campus to see a counselor. She stated that the current location of the Disability Resource Center is not very accessible, particularly with the roof replacement fencing in place. Foothill College Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services Bernata Slater explained that the plan would move all counselors to a common area, a change made in response to concerns student trustee Cooper voiced at the Planning and Resource Council (PaRC) meeting in which the document was discussed. Trustee Laura Casas recommended that the concept of moving Student Services be studied further. Vice President Slater pointed out that the plan reflects feedback received but also calls for further study.

Concerning circulation recommendations, trustee Bechtel noted that there are only two or three places assigned for bike parking. Vice President Slater explained that the plan does not include that level of detail and there are currently seven or eight bike parking areas.

President Murphy dedicated the Facilities Master Plan to Associate Vice President of College Operations Donna Jones-Dulin, who is retiring after a long career with the district, and spoke about the need to repurpose facilities on campus to integrate Student Services and provide flexible space for learning communities. He advised that recommendations include moving Student Services to the current arts quad, developing a new arts complex that would bring together the arts and sciences, and redesigning the campus entry to open buildings to the community.

With regard to the Flint Center, President Murphy advised that the college is out of room to build and the facility serves no instructional purpose. He reported that he shared the Facilities Master Plan at a recent meeting of Cupertino leaders and heard no objections but added that there would be time to engage in discussion with the community over the next several years about the college's intentions.

Vice President Cheu advised that the Facilities Master Plan was approved through the De Anza College shared governance process with a great deal of input, and De Anza College Academic Senate President Randy Bryant confirmed that the College Council discussed and approved the plan. Foothill College Academic Senate President Carolyn Holcroft indicated that the Facilities Master Plan was presented to PaRC as an information item with the understanding that it would be brought back for further discussion.

Trustee Bechtel objected to including the removal of the Flint Center in a plan that the Board is being asked to approve, citing figures in the plan that imply the college is overbuilt and stating that much more discussion with the community needs to occur before any action is taken. Chancellor Miner explained that the Facilities Master Plan recommendations give the district a direction to explore but do not lock in any decisions or commit the district to expenditures. President Murphy added that the Flint Center would require extensive renovation and is not economically sustainable.

Trustee Swenson agreed that a strong argument can be made that the Flint Center has outlived its day but questioned what would be done with that space when the college's current square footage exceeds what the state says is needed. Vice President Cheu explained that the state's space allocation formula looks at space availability during the entire day and does not take into account the college's high impact times between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when there is no extra space available.

Trustee Bechtel suggested that page 154 of the plan be amended to eliminate the location of the new arts complex. Trustee Cheng stated that she is comfortable with the plan as it is and understands that it will continue to be modified.

President Barram suggested that the motion to approve the plan be carefully worded to ensure flexibility and clarify that the Board is not approving all of the recommendations. Chancellor Miner recommended that the Board accept the plan with direction to staff to explore options and provide an update at the next study session. Trustee Bechtel suggested that approval be continued to a future meeting.

Vice Chancellor McElroy shared the recommendations for Central Services, which include completing the new district office building and moving the Police Department, offices currently located in the Annex

Building, and certain Educational Technology Services personnel to repurposed buildings on the Foothill College campus should the Foothill College recommendations remain in place after further study.

FACILITIES

20. Foothill-De Anza Community College District - 2016 Facilities Master Plan (FMP)

In light of concerns raised during the study session, President Barram recommended that the Board act to **“accept the 2016 Facilities Master Plan as a current vision of potential future facilities needs and direct staff to provide a progress report in August 2017 regarding additional study and consultation with internal and external stakeholders.”** She explained that she wants to be certain that if a member of the public were to look at the Board’s action in a few years, it would be clear that the Board is not committed to everything in the plan.

Trustee Bechtel commented that the revised language would not allay her concerns regarding the plan’s Flint Center recommendation, and trustee Casas suggested that the Board specifically exclude the Flint Center. Trustee Cheng reminded the Board that De Anza College has had extensive discussion regarding the recommendations, and Academic Senate President Bryant commented that it is his understanding that the Flint Center is not sustainable in its current state and will either require a lot of money for renovation or will need to be replaced.

Action: **Accepted the 2016 Facilities Master Plan as a current vision of potential future facilities needs and directed staff to provide a progress report in August 2017 regarding additional study and consultation with internal and external stakeholders.**

Motion by Bruce Swenson, second by Pearl Cheng

Advisory vote opposed: Courtney Cooper

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Aye: Joan Barram, Pearl Cheng, Bruce Swenson

No: Betsy Bechtel, Laura Casas

Absent: Elias Kamal