



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Club Day
September 17
Upper Quad, 11 am - 2 pm
- Transfer Day
September 18
Lower Quad, 10 am - 1 pm
- Men's Soccer vs. Ohlone
September 23, 7:00 pm
- Cross Country Meet
Lou Vasquez Invitational
September 25
Golden Gate Park, TBA
- Men's Soccer vs. Hartnell
September 26, 7:00 pm
- Women's Soccer vs. CCSF
September 30, 4:00 pm
- Student Success Institute
with Dr. Vincent Tinto
October 3 & 4, Bldg 2400
- Women's Soccer vs.
Cañada College
October 3, 4:00 pm
- Men's Soccer vs. Cabrillo
October 3, 7:00 pm
- Women's Soccer vs. Taft
October 7, 2:00 pm
- Women's Soccer vs.
Hartnell College
October 10, 4:00 pm
- Men's Soccer vs. CCSF
October 10, 7:00 pm
- Campus Change Network
Speaker Series
October 10, 7:00 pm
Building 2400
- Major Exploration Faire
October 15
11:30 am—1:30 pm
- Women's Soccer vs.
Ohlone College
October 17, 4:00 pm
- Men's Soccer vs. Chabot
October 17, 7:00 pm
- LPCF Family Fun Night
October 22, 4—7 pm
Super Franks

Community Connections

- Pleasanton Chamber of
Commerce Luncheon
September 23
- LPC Presidential
Advisory Council
September 25
- Livermore Chamber
of Commerce Luncheon
September 25

Presidential Advisory Council to Convene for First Meeting

Next week marks the first meeting of the newly established Presidential Advisory Council for Las Positas College. President Pollard has created this group — comprised of local leaders from city government, education, business, and the faith community — to share their insights and provide feedback on how the College functions within the Tri-Valley. The group will meet quarterly and is designed to offer their expertise as it relates to curriculum, economic impacts, career trends, and resources. Members of the Presidential Advisory Council include: Reverend Ron Culmer (St. Clare's Church), Tim Sbranti (Vice Mayor, Dublin), Nancy Mueller (Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center), Chris Chandler (Livermore Valley Winegrowers' Association),

Reverend Marty Williams (United Christian Church), Amy Blaschka (Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau), Jacqueline Williams-Courtright (Alden Lane Nursery), Tim Hunt (Media Consultant), Mike Consol (East Bay Business Times), Gina Channel-Allen (Pleasanton Weekly), Sherri Souza (Alain Pinel Realtors), John Sensiba (Ireland San Fillippo LLP), Jennifer Thaete (Attorney at Law), Dr. Suzanne Lawless (Tri-Valley Community Foundation), Rob White (Director of Economic Development, Livermore), Chris Foss (Economic Development Director, Dublin), Pamela Ott (Economic Development Director), Tim Silva (Wells Fargo Bank), Dr. Neil Sol (ValleyCare Health System), and Dr. Carl Bellone (CSU, East Bay).

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- M&O, Security, and members of the classified staff and administrative team who rose to the occasion to see the College through the recently challenging water service shut down on campus.
- Katie Eagan, English Faculty, for her nomination to the Board of the English Council of Two-Year Colleges.
- Faculty and staff in Financial Aid, Admissions & Records, and Counseling for their exceptional work responding to increased demand for student services arising from higher enrollment numbers.
- Vice Chancellor Gularte and the Human Resources managers for conducting the first of their monthly HR Forums on campus for administrators and their staff.

Values Statement

Las Positas College thrives as a teaching and learning community committed to integrity and excellence. To nourish this environment and the communities served, we:

- ◊ promote and celebrate lifelong learning ◊ anticipate and meet the needs of the ever-changing workplace ◊ demonstrate social and environmental responsibility ◊ promote tolerance and mutual respect in a diverse community ◊ foster a climate of discovery and creativity ◊ hold firm to the belief that each of us makes an astonishing difference ◊



Global Responsibility

Dr. Tinto to Visit LPC

In California, community colleges assess 70-85% of students into a pre-collegiate level in English, Math, and ESL courses, bringing the issue of student success and basic skills to the forefront of higher education nationally, state-wide, and here at LPC. On October 3 & 4, Las Positas College has the honor of hosting Dr. Vincent Tinto as he leads our campus community through an Institute on Student Success. Dr. Tinto is one of the country's

foremost experts in student success and retention, and will join us to present current student success strategies. This Institute, featuring Dr. Tinto's keynote address "Student Success is Everyone's Business", will be focused on enabling the College to utilize its own data and present opportunities for building new alliances across campus. Three teams — comprised of faculty, staff, and administrators — have been created to address each phase of the Institute: mar-

keting and resource sharing (laying the foundation), planning and logistics (coordination of the event itself), and implementation of Institute findings (carrying the message forward). The entire College will be invited to attend the keynote address on Friday morning, and other portions of the Institute will include workshops for faculty and staff to incorporate student success strategies into their work.



Respect for Diversity

CCN Fall Speaker Series Begins

Last Friday, the Campus Change Network (CCN) kicked off its 2008-09 Speaker Series by hosting a Tri-Valley Mayors' Forum on campus. The event featured four local Mayors — Janet Lockhart (Dubin), Jennifer Hosterman (Pleasanton), Abram Wilson (San Ramon), and John Marchand (Vice Mayor, Livermore) — field-

ing questions on the discussion topic: Exploring Diversity in our Growing Communities. Future themes for the Speaker Series include: Examining the Impact of Religion on the LGBT Community (Oct. 10), The Imprint of Immigration on Our Community (Nov. 14), and La Semana Cubana (Dec. 5). CCN will also be hosting several "brown bag"

discussions for faculty, staff, and students, as it has done in years past. These sessions, scheduled for September 29 and 30, will explore Cultural Proficiency, an "approach that makes explicit the values and practices that enable both individuals and schools to interact effectively across cultures."



Adapt to Change

Parking Lot H

On August 20, just in time for the start of the Fall semester, our new parking lot "H" came on line for use by students, staff, and faculty. Lot H is located at the east "upper" end of campus and is adjacent to the Aquatics

Center and Soccer Field. With increased enrollment at the College — and the busy pace of a new academic year — the additional 491 parking spaces provided by Lot H were of critical importance. Thank you to our Campus Safety Department for managing any traffic congestion

and directing people to Lot H with (in the words of one of our students) "talent and courtesy."

Make a Difference

English Gets RAW

At our Town Meeting in September, faculty and staff were treated to an exciting presentation about the new website for Reading and Writing Resources (RAW). The goal of the site is to “provide reading and writing support for both teachers and

students across disciplines.” RAW features help for students, such as strategies for reading and writing assignments, composing essays, and grammar tips; there are also resources for instructors, such as help with teaching reading and writing, teaching aids, and a bibliography or useful

materials. The site is frequently updated by co-coordinators, Dr. Karin Spirn and Meghan Swanson, as faculty and staff provide valuable feedback and additional RAW content.



Creative Thinking

College Center for the Arts Breaks Ground and Makes Progress

On September 4, the College held a formal groundbreaking ceremony for the new Center for the Arts facility. The event — well-attended by students, faculty, staff, administrators, District leaders, and community members — featured remarks from Board President Vec-

chiarelli, Chancellor Kinnamon, President Pollard, shared governance leadership, and a representative from the project user group, who put an extraordinary amount of time and energy into the planning of the Center for the Arts. This 54,000 sf, facility, fully funded through Measure B and LEED Silver Certified, is scheduled for completion in

Spring 2010. Construction on the project began over the summer, after the new Soccer Field went into use, and excavation at the site is well underway.



Lifelong Learning

Dr. Pollard Connects with Campus Community In Person & Online

During her first six months at Las Positas College, Dr. Pollard employed a variety of methods — such as the “Listening Tour” and a Town Meeting forum — to learn about and communicate with the campus community. She continues that approach this semester with a series of infor-

mal dialogue “Yak ‘N Sak” sessions, at which faculty, staff, and students can ask questions, share ideas, and bring issues to the President’s attention. The “Yak ‘N Sak” meetings will be held once a month at different times of day, in an effort to accommodate varying schedules. Dr. Pollard has also launched the “President’s News & Notes”, a

bi-weekly electronic update to the College and broader community. The 5-7 minute video messages will be featured on the homepage of the website and are designed to keep everyone informed about campus happenings, current issues, and acknowledgements of the phenomenal work being done by faculty, staff, and students.



Facilities Update



Campus Boulevard Phase I

The Design team redesigned a simplified project due to the original design being estimated at 100% over budget. The new design was presented to the User Group in April, 2008. Input provided at that meeting has been incorporated and is now under review. Upon approval construction documents will be completed.



College Center for the Arts

The Board of Trustees authorized award of a construction contract at their July 15, 2008 meeting. Notice to Proceed for construction was issued on July 30, 2008 and work is underway. A formal Groundbreaking Ceremony was held September 4, 2008.

District-wide Information Technology Building

Notices inviting bids in accordance with the Public Contract Code were published in July 2008. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held August 13, 2008, attended by 36 general contractors. Approximately 26 General Contractors have purchased plans, an indicator that they intend to bid the project. Bids will be opened September 23, 2008.

PE Complex & Multi-Disciplinary Education Building

District staff and legal counsel met with representatives of the parent company of the General Contractor June 17, 2008 who committed to correcting all defective work. The General Contractor will review the forensic architect's report with their sub-contractors and submit a proposed work-plan. Detailed design of the remediation work and temporary mitigation measures is underway and renderings of the proposed temporary mitigation system have been submitted.

Central Utility Plant

The Design Build Contractor, Southland Industries, is working on detailed design for the Central Plant. Southland mobilized and commenced work on the utility loop in April, 2008. The first phase of utility loop trenching was completed ahead of schedule. The second and final phase is now complete, approximately 6 weeks ahead of schedule.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

The Board of Trustees authorized award of a construction contract at their July 15, 2008 meeting. Notice to Proceed with construction was issued on August 4, 2008 and work is underway.

P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road)

The user-group met with the Design Team to provide their comments on the 90% construction documents. Document submittal to DSA for permit review is scheduled to take place September 25, 2008.

Parking Lot H

The shade Structures and Solar panels, wiring, and components have been submitted to DSA and approval is pending. The parking lot was delivered for use for the Fall Semester. Shade structures and solar equipment for existing parking lot "E" are also part of this contract. The construction of the shade structures at the new parking lot areas will begin in December during semester break commencing January 2009, one-half of each lot will be closed for installation until both lots are complete. Solar panels and related equipment, including shade structures for both parking lots "H" and "E" are scheduled for completion by May 2009.

Student Services & Central Administration

At their April 15, 2008 meeting the Board of Trustees authorized exploration of the Design Build (DB) delivery method to determine if it is appropriate to meet the goals of the project. Due to the unique challenges associated with this project site and the complexity of the program, the District is considering utilizing the Design Build (DB) delivery method to design and construct the project. Under this project delivery method the District would conduct a pre-qualification process and short-list three teams consisting of Architects partnered with General Contractors which would submit conceptual design proposals. One of the three teams submitting proposals would be selected using a best-value selection criteria. A review of the project is underway to confirm whether the Design Build (DB) delivery method is the best delivery method to meet the goals of the project. A recommendation was submitted in July.



Child Development Center

The Division of State Architect (DSA) issued permit approval June 2, 2008. The construction management team is finalizing the bid schedule, coordinating construction activities on this project with those of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, Central Plant and New Parking Lot H and campus operations.



Aquatics Center & Soccer Field

The play field portion of the Soccer Field construction was completed as planned, with the District taking beneficial occupancy on June 16, 2008. Surrounding areas of the Soccer Field, however, remain under construction through November 2008. Final landscape planting will occur during the months of October and November, when the weather is more favorable to the establishment of plant growth.

The Aquatics Center has continued with the construction of the Pool House. The shell is nearly completed with roofing activities underway. This period the shotcrete linings for the two swimming pools were completed. The Aquatics Center portion of the project is scheduled to complete December 2008.