



Santa Monica Community College District  
**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**  
**MEETING – JULY 16, 2003**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 8 a.m. at Santa Monica College, Business Building Room 111, 1900 Pico Boulevard. Santa Monica, California.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Graham Pope, Chair - Present  
Linda Sullivan, Vice-Chair - Present  
Luis Barrera- Not Present  
Paul Leoni- Not Present  
Eleanore Meyer- Present  
Ed Moosbrugger- Present  
James Mount- Present  
Herb Reich- Not Present  
Herb Rose- Not Present  
Bertrand Staggers- Present  
Irma Vargas- Present  
Pierce Watson- Present  
Joe Weichman- Present  
Allen Weiss- Present

Others Present:        John Jalili, Committee Advisor  
                              Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, Superintendent/President  
                              Letty Edwards, Committee Staff Assistant  
                              Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Joe Weichman and seconded by Pierce Watson to approve the minutes of April 30, 2003. *Unanimously approved.*

**4. REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

Annual Report, 2002-03

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, the Annual Report for 2002-03 was prepared for submission to the Board of Trustees. Motion was made by Pierce Watson and seconded by Linda Sullivan to authorize Chair Graham Pope to sign off on the Statement of Compliance and submit the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees. *Unanimously approved.*

Motion was made by Linda Sullivan and seconded by Pierce Watson to approve the summary of the Committee's activities included in the Annual Report. *Unanimously approved.*

## Supplemental Funds

Committee Chair Graham Pope reported that he had received a letter from committee member Herb Rose who expressed concerns about efforts to obtain supplemental funding for Measure U projects. After discussion with Piedad Robertson and Tom Donner, Chair Pope responded to the concerns with an explanation of the SMC staff responsible for seeking supplemental funding on the local, state and federal levels. Superintendent/President Piedad Robertson provided additional information, as follows:

- Don Girard, Director of Marketing, is the District's liaison with the City and other local agencies to obtain funding for capital projects. The City of Santa Monica approved \$10.2 million from the Redevelopment Agency for replacement of the Liberal Arts Building.
- Marvin Martinez, Associate Vice-President of Planning and Development, is the District's connection at the State and Federal levels. The District retains the services of School Services of California in Sacramento to seek funding from the State for capital projects. The District also engages the assistance of Cassidy and Associates to seek Federal funds. In particular, with the assistance of Senator Barbara Boxer, they are negotiating to obtain FEMA funds owed to the District for the BAE parking/shuttle lot. Obtaining these funds would bring relief to the District's operating budget which is now funding the parking/shuttle operation.
- The SMC Foundation raises funds for projects not identified in Measure U. Construction of the Madison Theater is currently the focus of the Foundation and \$3 million has been raised (the construction is \$15 million). There is no link between the Foundation and the bond money.

In response to a question on how the state of the economy affects sources of supplemental funds, it was clarified that sources of funds for capital projects are separate from operational funds. The declining economy might effect the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College in their bond ratings which could effect the draw down.

## Review of Project List and Timeline

- Master Plan Update: 3D International and Gensler will be updating the SMC Facilities Master Plan, including all off-campus sites.
- The Emeritus College facility will be open in October, 2003. The Emeritus College account in the SMC Foundation is providing matching funds for furniture and equipment (the amount will be included on next project list)
- Architectural drawings for the Main Stage have been approved; the estimated completion is spring 2004.
- P.E. Temporary Building Replacement project is in progress; the estimated completion is spring 2004.
- BAE Renovations: The District is trying to obtain Federal funds for parking. If the BAE site is leased, the funds received will be used to reduce the cost of the loan.

- Liberal Arts Building: The District is waiting for the NEQA (EIR) report from FEMA.
- The new Library be opened in October, 2003. This remodel is the last of the Prop T funds. When vacated, Library Village will be remodeled to house the Math Department.
- Literacy Center: Architectural designs have been completed, but an EIR has not been done. This project is on hold until other projects are completed
- North Quad Plaza: This project is on hold until other projects are completed.
- Infrastructure and safety: Continuing

Projects on this list will be reviewed and revised as supplemental funding is obtained.

**5. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2003-2004**

Quarterly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m., location to be determined:

October 15, 2003  
 January 21, 2004  
 April 21, 2004

**6.. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 a.m.**

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 8 a.m.