



Los Angeles Valley College

**LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
Citizens Building Oversight Committee
Minutes
February 7, 2012
President's Conference Room**

Members

Anderson	Terry	Greater Valley Glen Council
Ballew	Pat	Member of the College Foundation
Barad*	Eric	Member at large, LAVC Alumni
Berg	Harvey	Economic Alliance Executive Board Member
Braswell*	Anthony	Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Calne	Max	Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Criss	Asta	Valley Glen Neighborhood Association
Hababag	Johnnica	LAVC Associated Student Union
Carleo	A. Susan	College President, ex officio

Guest: Lester B. Salvador, ASU Commissioner of Campus and Environmental Affairs

Resource: Retamal Eloy, College Construction Manager, Maggie Lopez, Executive Assistant

Absent Members*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harvey Berg at 5:42 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions – Members and guests were welcomed and were asked to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes –

The minutes of November 1, 2011 were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

III. Public Agenda Requests - There were no public agenda requests.

IV. President's Report –

a) Moratorium Update -

As a result of various issues brought about by the media, State Controller, John Chiang conducted an audit of the LACCD bond construction program. Prompted by this report, Chancellor LaVista appointed a panel to conduct a study to determine whether there was substance to the claims of overspending and misuse of bond funds as claimed in Chiang's report.

The panel completed its report and recommended that the Chancellor support a moratorium on new projects until such time that all projects are re-reviewed and justified in the context of the issues raised by Chiang. (e.g. that the District and individual colleges are overbuilding, or constructing buildings that will not be able to be maintained, or that the projects are over budget and the District will not have funds to pay for them). While the issues raised were at the District-level, each college is still faced with the same re-justification process.



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Valley College administration has been responding to these questions and addressing these concerns. However, the delay is consuming funds that were previously well justified and are within LAVC's building budget.

Chair Berg asked this committee if they would join together in writing a letter of support to the Chancellor.

Chair Berg clarified that the moratorium does not affect projects in construction, only construction projects that have not yet started. Valley College had construction challenges with one project, the AHS (Allied Health Science) building. These issues are being addressed through the proper channels. Chair Berg stated that the Committee needs to decide if will support the school by asking for the moratorium to be lifted.

February 24 is the date the District will discuss the next steps. Dr. Carleo thanked the committee for any support they may provide.

After discussion, the attendees agreed to sign a letter of support. A draft of the letter to be sent by the CBOC to the Chancellor will be prepared and each committee member will be asked to review it before signing.

V. Update on District Citizens' Oversight Committee

- a) Terry Anderson was unable to attend the last meeting. The next meeting will be in three weeks.
- b) **Building and Budget Update –**
Latest update on the budget was distributed.

IX. Members Concerns/Suggestions for the LACCD Board of Trustees –

There were none.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2012