

ACBO FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY NOTES
September 3, 2020

ATTENDEES

Task Force Members Present: Ann-Marie Gabel, Hussain Agah, Fred Diamond, George Estrada, Tim Flood, Kuldeep Kaur, MacAdam Lojowsky, Lyndsay Maas, Pablo Manzo, Eric Mittlestead, Jose Nunez, Robert Parker, Jim Schrage, Erik Skinner, and Richard Storti

Chancellor's Office Staff: Hoang Nguyen, Harold Flood, Ronnie Slimp, Eric Thorson, Brian Turner, Lan Yuan, Chay Yang

Foundation for CCCs: Shirley Singh

CCC/IOU EE Partnership: Lisa Hannaman

Other Resources: Ron Beeler, Rebekah Cearley, Ida Clair

Welcome Kuldeep Kaur

Kuldeep serves as the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services at Yuba Community College District. She is our newest member and we are excited to have her on the ACBO Facilities Task Force.

A. Committee Reports/Other Issues

1. FUSION Update – Tim Flood

- Tim informed the Facilities Task Force that the budget for the FUSION program is on track. Revenues are slightly up, with revenues at \$1.4 million and expenses at \$1.15 million. There are receivables of \$960,000 to about 32 community college districts who have yet to pay their FUSION cost for this year. Tim provided an update on the FUSION enhancements and it is currently on schedule. They are working on the Vision for Success scoring updates, ADA compliance and user experience enhancements. The enhancements will be ready to demonstrate at the CCFC conference. User acceptance testing will start middle of September.
- Tim informed FTF that the FUSION Steering Committee is working very well with 909 Technologies. Tim acknowledged Shirley and her team for guiding the process and recognized that the improvements to FUSION are looking good. Tim stated that they have reviewed the KPIs, both on the process of product. They are seeing year over year increases in overall square footage. In 2017-18, we had about 87.2 million square feet. In 2019-20, we are up to 90.5 million square feet. Tim shared that the virtual training had started and the first training was on August 26. There were 79 participants and we are getting more participants compared to in-person training. The next virtual training is on space inventory and that will happen on September 15th.

B. Chancellor's Office Update

- Hoang shared that eight of the nine projects on the 2021-22 spending plan will move forward to be funded in 2020-21. The trailer bill SB 115 has eight additional capital outlay projects that have moved forward to the Governor for signature by September 30. This was a request from the Department of Finance and the reason is that the Governor is trying to stimulate the economy. The eight projects will be on the 2021-22 spending plan and presented to the Board. Riverside

was one of the projects that did not move forward due to local contribution concerns but will be included in the 2021-22 spending plan.

C. Capital Outlay Program Revision

- Ann-Marie talked about the past two years and efforts that went in to updating the State Capital Outlay program to align with the Vision for Success. The changes were to simplify the project categories and update the funding allocation, revising the scoring metrics and updating the local contribution for projects. Ann-Marie continued to explain about the capital outlay category simplification, which has been collapsed into three categories A, G, and M. All categories require a minimum of 25 percent local contribution and there is a hardship component. Ann-Marie stated that the Department of Finance would like California Community Colleges to mirror K-12's hardship policy. There are three standards for hardship: 1) District passed a local GO bond within the past two years but it is not sufficient to fund the project, 2) Debt level is at 70% of bonding capacity (2.5 percent of AV), or 3) Total district bonding capacity of less than \$50 million. If a district can meet one of these three standards, it may qualify for the hardship.
- Pablo asked if there would be any training available due to the significant changes to the program. Shirley mentioned that they would be providing virtual training at the end of November and at the next ACBO FTF meeting in December. Eric Mittlestead mentioned that there would be a live version available in FUSION by January 15. Ann-Marie informed the team of the space utilization changes approved by Department of Finance to increase the ASF for both lecture space and office space.

D. ACBO FTF – Charter Update

- The Chancellor's Office executive team is looking at all the committees their employees are participating in and has asked each committee what the purpose of the committee is and how it ties into the Vision for Success. The ACBO FTF committee started in the 1970s and a charter was not created at the time. Ann-Marie and Hoang put together a charter that list the purpose of the committee, members, resources and goals for 2020-21. Ann-Marie and Hoang proposed a name change from ACBO Facilities Task Force to ACBO Facilities Advisory Committee. The charter is only a draft and open for input and changes.
- Jose Nunez stated that CCC/IOU partnership started as a subset from the ACBO FTF and Lisa Hannaman concurred. Ann-Marie will add the following language to the purpose, "The Committee solicits and appoints community college members to both the FUSION Sub-Committee and the CCC/IOU Energy Resources and Sustainability Partnership ensuring that there is broad representation supporting the various perspectives within the State."
- Tim recommended that the following language be added to the purpose, "The Committee provides oversight and allocation recommendations for the FUSION system and fees to ensure the maintenance and upgrades to FUSION on behalf of all community colleges."
- Ann-Marie advised that the committee chair for the FUSION Steering Committee and CCC/IOU complete their own charter as well.
- Eric Mittlestead and Jose Nunez suggested that CCFC be added in the purpose.
- Ann-Marie will revise the charter and send it back to the team for review. Once everyone reviews and agrees, Ann-Marie will send the charter to ACBO for review tomorrow.

E. Division of State Architects – Ida Clair

- No updates available

F. Legislative Update – Rebekah Cearley

- Rebekah shared that there are \$13.4 billion in K-14 bonds that will be on the November ballot. Three of those are community college district bonds: Citrus, Monterey Peninsula and San Jose Evergreen. They are worth a total of \$1.39 billion. Rebekah continued to explain that from the total of \$13.4 billion, LAUSD is going out for a \$7 billion bond, which leaves \$6.4 billion left associated with all the other bonds across the State.
- Rebekah addressed that there are two primary things in play as to why we're not seeing as many bonds on the November ballot. The first is AB 195, a change in law that mandates requiring certain new information on the ballot label about the rate and the duration of the tax, which is very confusing to voters. The second is the polling on local measures has come back softened, given where we are with COVID-19 and the economy.
- Rebekah transitioned to explain that almost all policy changes that were made this year were done through the budget trailer bill process and this was because of the constraints that the Legislature had in responding to COVID-19. They were disrupted multiple times during the year because of the COVID outbreak in the Capitol. None of the bills that CCFC had taken positions on made it to the final night of session or through the legislative process. Rebekah continued to explain that Assembly and Senate leadership had released a package that they wanted to move forward but it was not detailed legislative language. There were items that could have impacted facilities. One item was accelerating bond sales. There was another proposal that was included that talked about increasing affordable housing supply. One of the ways to do that was creating loan programs for higher education institutions to build more student housing.
- Rebekah provided an update on storm water, the MS4 municipal permit is still under development. The question here is, if schools and community colleges will be designated for the purposes of this permit. This would really impact your municipal permit such as parking lots, and transportation areas. CCFC has been working with a larger stakeholder group that's being headed up by one of her colleagues and has met with the Water Board. They brought up that now is not the right time to designate entirely to the program especially given the constraints that schools and community colleges are facing with their budget. This resonated well with the State Water Board. CCFC is expecting to see a draft permit available in fall.

G. Prop 39 – CCC/IOU

1. Prop 39 Extension – Hoang Nguyen

- Hoang stated that there is a remaining balance of \$209,000 out of \$5.8 million. All of the districts that wanted to continue the extension are on track to finish by October. There are a few districts remaining that have not responded about the extension but they have very low dollar amounts. There are two districts that finished their projects over the summer.

2. CCC/IOU Update – Lisa Hannaman

- Lisa Hannaman provided an update on the CCC/IOU Partnership, which met the day before. She welcomed two new members to their team, an Associate Vice Chancellor and CBO. They talked about how they can better align with the Board of Governors Sustainability Policy and proposed to change the name of their committee. The committee name is going to migrate more around energy resources and sustainability. It encompasses all aspects of energy, not just energy efficiency.
- Lisa continued to share that Edison was awarded their charge ready phase two funding. This means that they will be opening up their charge ready program, which is for electric vehicles.

Lisa mentioned that they are looking at increasing resources and providing audits around resiliency, such as expanding availability of technical resources for campuses to look more at resiliency and not just energy efficiency. Both PG&E and South California Edison have increased their on bill financing funding. Projects can be financed at zero percent up to \$4 million and the same for utility bill up to \$4 million. The gas company also has a construction aspect of on bill financing and what that means is that they are now offering progress payments on their financing, up to \$1 million. If combined with their program or PG&E, it can now go up to \$5 million in projects as long as it still meets the requirements.

- Hoang shared that the Board of Governors energy sustainability awards are geared more toward Prop 39 and the plan moving forward is to create a more holistic awards program for the districts. In the meeting yesterday with CCC/IOU, they want to keep the energy sustainability champion, the faculty student initiative awards and implement innovative awards for the system.
- Lisa stated that the Charge Ready Program is moving forward and they have 32,000 units that are going to be installed as part of the next effort. They are approved for over \$450 million to be spent in the electric transportation space.

H. Other – COVID 19

- Ann-Marie welcomed discussions around facilities changes due to the pandemic. Are districts making changes immediately? Are they long term or short-term changes?
- Tim Flood stated that he is looking at their HVAC standards and trying to upgrade those. He is also looking at their signage master plan to provide directional signage and warning signage instead of paper signs.
- Fred Diamond shared that they have an upcoming presentation from an engineering firm that will make a good presentation about the filtering aspect and an update with the ASHRAE standards. Fred recommended that that the number one thing that everybody can do right now is take a relook at their filtering system. He mentioned that the presentation will provide an update on ionization and will be helpful information.
- Erik Skinner shared his concerns about online education and the need for facilities. Currently, they are operating 100 percent online but prior to COVID, it was 27% online. Once they decide to open for face-to-face instruction, the percentage to online education may change drastically.

I. Closing

- Ann-Marie adjourned the Facilities Task Force.
- Next Meeting: December 3, 2020