Committee: Steve Veres, Chair; Scott J. Svonkin, Vice Chair; and Ernest H. Moreno, Member

Trustee Veres called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

For the Record: Trustee Veres indicated that the following language be stricken and that “Valley Academic and Cultural Center (VACC)” be added as follows:

Presentations/Initiative Reviews: Energy Program Assessment

- Los Angeles Valley College Media Arts Performing Arts (MAPA) Project Business Analysis Follow-Up Valley Academic and Cultural Center (VACC)

A document entitled “Los Angeles Community College District Program Management Services, Valley Academic and Cultural Center (VACC), Los Angeles Valley College, Business Case Analysis” was distributed.

Mr. James D. O’Reilly, Chief Facilities Executive, Facilities Planning and Development, gave an overview of the Valley Academic & Cultural Center (VACC) from 2009 to present, formerly the Media Arts Performing Arts (MAPA) Center and deferred to Ms. Terri Mestas, Director, LACCD Bond Program Management Office.

Ms. Mestas gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to the previous MAPA components and the new VACC components in an effort to address the Committee’s various concerns as discussed at a previous meeting regarding academic space utilization, the impact on the community, and the external benefits of the VACC.

Trustee Moreno inquired if there had been any modifications made to the building.

Mr. O’Reilly responded that no modifications were made to the building and explained that an outside architect was hired to do a project validation and finance benefit analysis of the project. He indicated that the redesigning of the building with five theaters would be very expensive and would delay the project for two to three years.

Dr. Erika A. Endrijonas, President, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), discussed the various components with respect to the new VACC structure. She indicated that the
VACC structure has a broader range of programs as opposed to the MAPA structure that had large assembly spaces limited to Media & Performing Arts programs.

Ms. Mestas continued to discuss the document with respect to the Assignable Square Footage Breakdown regarding the original breakdown of the MAPA and the new breakdown of the VACC.

Dr. Endrijonas continued to discuss the document with respect to shared space and the benefits of the expanded department usage.

Mr. Rudolph Besikof, Dean, Academic Affairs, LAVC, discussed the classroom utilization scenario with respect to the class schedules and the assembly utilization spaces.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to various components related to the original plan of the MAPA and the new VACC reconfiguration.

Trustees Veres, Moreno, and Svonkin expressed their concern that there are far more theaters being built in the VACC project than there are classrooms. The Committee directed staff to select one of the theaters with the 250-180 spaces and create a dividable space for additional classrooms.

Mr. Wil Soholt, Senior Vice President, Kosmont Companies, continued the PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Facility Rental Demand, Demand & Revenue Analysis, Potential Revenue Generating Opportunities, and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to approve the Valley Academic and Cultural Center (VACC) project as presented with the exception of the three large assembly spaces (seating capacity range 250-180). The Committee directed staff to select one of the large assembly spaces and convert it to a dividable space for additional classrooms.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Trustee Svonkin requested a list of the departments being removed from the bungalows as well as the bungalows that are to be demolished. In addition, that it be clarified that the VACC will be utilized as shared space.

For the Record: Trustee Svonkin indicated that he has been critical of the process of the MAPP/VACC project. He would like to communicate to the colleges that they cannot over-design a building with the intention of repurposing the project.

For the Record: Trustee Moreno stated that poor planning and the lack of leadership was the cause of the MAPA project. He also stated that this should be a lesson to all and that the LACCD is responsible to ensure that this never occurs again.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez requested and Trustee Svonkin concurred that the Committee amend the motion to include to support the name change to the VACC.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to approve the Valley Academic and Cultural Center (VACC) project as presented with the exception of the three large assembly spaces (seating capacity range 250-180). The Committee directed staff to select one of the large assembly spaces and convert it to a dividable space for additional classrooms and to support the name change to Valley Academic and Cultural Center.
Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

Trustee Moreno expressed his concern that the VACC did not include “theater” in the name. He indicated that it makes it difficult for the public when attending an event at the college to locate the VACC when it does not have theater displayed on its signage.

Trustee Veres indicated that Trustee Moreno’s concern is duly noted and that the full Board will have an opportunity to address this matter.

West Los Angeles College Parking Lot 7 Proposed Lease Agreement Review

A document entitled “Proposed Lease at West Los Angeles College” was distributed.

Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), and Mr. O’Reilly discussed the document with respect to the WLAC Parking Lot 7 proposed lease agreement.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding an agreement with Culver City that mandates one parking space per seven students.

Trustee Svonkin requested that the Chancellor review the agreement with Culver City in an effort to renegotiate the agreement.

Chancellor Rodriguez indicated that the agreement has been in existence for several years and he will attempt to renegotiate the agreement with Culver City.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the LAX property located on Sepulveda Boulevard that is being utilized for storage with respect to revenue generating opportunities.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to approve the WLAC Parking Lot 7 proposed lease agreement with Culver City Motor Cars, Inc.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Veres requested that a topic entitled “Assets Management” be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.

Trustee Moreno requested that a topic entitled “Staff Augmentation Process” be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.