

Committee Briefs....

FROM THE MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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At its meeting on February 19, the College welcomed the newly appointed members to the Citizens Oversight Committee. Board President Manuel Baca thanked committee members for volunteering their time in support of the College. In order to acclimate the new members to the College, a driving tour of the campus was provided. Committee members were able to see construction projects that have been completed, as well as those currently in progress.

Committee members elected Sylvia Mendoza to serve as committee chair and Heidi Gallegos to serve as vice chair.

Interim President Nixon added his welcome, especially to new committee members. He said that having the new members' names attached to the College and this committee is very much appreciated.

Dr. Nixon said it is important for new members to review their binders before the next meeting because they include information on the committee's purpose and activities. One of the committee's responsibilities is to report to the community each year on how bond dollars are spent. We also report regularly on the College web site and in other documents that go out to the community, such as the Annual Report to the Community and the Class Schedules.

Committee members received an update on construction projects in progress and those scheduled within the next few months. There was also discussion on Measure R projects that will not be completed because of increased construction costs. Returning and new members have taken on this charge of stewardship seriously and are committed to careful evaluation of what is proposed. Staff was asked to prepare a summary of project cost increases along with justification as to why we couldn't complete them and why we need another bond. Committee members also requested information related to utilization ratios, to make sure that usage/student demand justifies future projects.

At the next meeting, the College will present an in-depth report on proposed revisions to the College's Facilities Master Plan for 2008.

Sylvia Mendoza, Chair

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