

## **Committee Briefs....**

### **FROM THE MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

#### **Mt. SAC May 7, 2009....**

Prior to the meeting, interested Committee members toured the recently-renovated Planetarium and were treated to a short show.

Steve O'Sullivan was introduced as the newest member of the Citizens Oversight Committee, representing the Foundation/College Advisory Council. Mr. O'Sullivan has been a member of the College Foundation Board of Directors since 2007 and has served as President of the Foundation since 2008. He is a former executive editor of the Tribune newspapers and past board member of Pomona Valley Red Cross. Mr. O'Sullivan holds an MBA from Claremont Graduate University and is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education. Currently, Mr. O'Sullivan teaches ethics and organizational communication at Cal Poly and the University of La Verne.

The principal charge of the Citizens Oversight Committee is to inform the public at least annually through a written report on the expenditure of the bond proceeds. Last year's report to the community was reviewed, and committee members were asked to offer input on how they want this year's report produced. It was pointed out that this isn't the only information shared with the community - regular updates are provided in each college class schedule and catalog, as well as on the college website. After discussion of various options, committee members decided to prepare a document similar to last year's report. It was suggested that the report include a statement noting that the College's ability to proceed on certain new projects in a timely fashion is becoming an issue due to the state withholding matching funds.

Vice President Gregoryk provided a brief summary of where we are related to issuance of Measure RR bond funds. He reported that, in April, he and President Nixon went to New York to meet with bond rating agencies. As of this date, we haven't received a rating; however past ratings have been very high. The first bonds are expected to be issued in July. The issuance is expected to be in the area of \$65 million, depending on assessed property values at that time.

Committee members were presented with and reviewed a detailed financial report and schedule of current Measure R Projects. There was brief discussion as to whether the College is having issues with contractors and/or architects as projects close out. Mr. Nellesen said the College has been fortunate in this area; however there is one settlement with a contractor that will be taken to the Board. The basic dispute relates to interpretation of construction documents. Mr. Nellesen was asked to include this type of information in his quarterly reports to the Committee.

Sylvia Mendoza, Chair

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