Facilities & Sustainability Committee

December 4-7, 2015 (E-mail)

E-Mail Discussion & Vote: Refurbishment of Building 2100

On Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 9:13 a.m., Michael Ansell, Chair of the Facilities and Sustainability Committee sent an e-mail to all Committee members. The text of the e-mail is as follows:

To the LPC Facilities Committee:

At the October 19th meeting of the Facilities and Sustainability Committee, District Facilities presented a proposal to "refresh" all of the offices in building 2100. As you probably know, these offices are in serious need of "refreshing." This discussion is documented in the minutes from that meeting under item 5d and can be found here:
http://grapevine.laspositascollege.edu/facilities/minutes.php

The proposal was as follows:

-Renovations would take place over a summer and all faculty and staff would not occupy the building during the summer.

-Boxes would be provided for all occupants of 2100. Professional movers will move these boxes to secure storage. Occupants could choose to take items home instead. Only boxed items will be moved.

-all furniture would be removed permanently

-carpets and drop ceilings would be replaced, the interior would be repainted.

-New furniture would be purchased and installed.

-Personal belongings would be moved back into offices in time for the beginning of Fall semester.

-there is an allowance to replace 10 windows in the estimate.

-Since no walls will be moved or changed, we will not have to go through DSA and the process will be faster and less expensive.

At the Oct 19th meeting, we were told that there was not funding at that time for the estimated $811,000 project. Recently, there has been some discussion with the Chancellor about the possibility of funding this critical project. While stopping short of approving the project and identifying the funds, the Chancellor has asked that the project follow the regular process of facilities approval. If we can get approval on campus and at the district by the February Board of Trustees meeting, these renovations will hopefully be scheduled for Summer of 2016 in time for the arrival of approximately 20 new faculty!

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive learning-centered institution providing educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, basic skills, career-technical, and retraining goals.

LPC Planning Priorities

- Establish regular and ongoing processes to implement best practices to meet ACCJC standards.
- Provide necessary institutional support for curriculum development and maintenance.
- Develop processes to facilitate ongoing meaningful assessment of SLOs and integrate assessment of SLOs into college processes.
- Expand tutoring services to meet demand and support student success in Basic Skills, CTE, and Transfer courses.

Meeting Name

Committee Members
Mike Ansell (non-voting)
VP Admin Srvcs (vacant)
Roanna Bennie
Diana Rodriguez
Dyan Miller
Eric Harpell
Mary Hargiss
William Eddy
Ernie Jones
Deanna Horvath
Steve Gunderson
Tina Inzerilla
Rich Duchscherer
Matt Garcia, ASLPC
Members Present (non-voting):
Doug Horner
Walter Blevins
Ann Kroll

Since we discussed this at a regular meeting and do not have meetings planned for December or January, could a voting member of the committee make a motion to recommend this project by email? Could we have email discussion and an email vote ASAP?"

Dyan Miller made a motion on December 3, 2015, at 9:28 a.m. recommending that the committee have an e-mail discussion and vote on the 2100 refresh/renovation project. At 12:48 p.m., Eric Harpell seconded the motion.

The votes were submitted to Mike Ansell on December 7, 2015.

Yes
Mary Hargiss
Dyan Miller
Tina Inzerilla
Roanna Bennie
Eric Harpell
William Eddy
Richard Duchscherer
Diana Rodriguez
Deanna Horvath

No
Matt Garcia

Members Who Did Not Vote
Ernie Jones
Steve Gunderson

Discussion

William Eddy asked about the source of the funding for the refurbishment. Mike Ansell responded that he thinks the source might be related to the sale of the old district offices in Pleasanton since it must be spent on Facilities. He believes the Board and Chancellor are deciding how to fund the refurbishment.

Matt Garcia indicated his reasons for voting no, as follows:

1. *Recently, there has been some discussion with the Chancellor about the possibility of funding this critical project. This doesn't do it for me first of all if the chancellor is going to help with funding why have they not come forward themselves with the information. I cannot make a decision based off of what if's and maybe's this throws up a red flag. And the only opens the door for issues later on if we do not get the funding it will leave staff with false hopes and resentment towards others.*
2. *Carpets and drop ceilings would be replaced, the interior would be repainted. New furniture would be purchased and installed. $811,000 seems a lot for cosmetic changes because at the end of the day that is what this is a cosmetic change.*
3. *There is an allowance to replace 10 windows in the estimate. Which version of Windows 10 are we talking about? Are all these faculty members trained and comfortable on using Windows 10 as their new operating system? Because Windows 10 is app and mobile based as well, are faculty willing to give up personal information and have this linked to there phones?*
4. *These renovations will hopefully be scheduled for Summer of 2016 in time for the arrival of approximately 20 new faculty! Who is giving up their office? Who agreed to share? I feel like this question was thrown out for no reason just to sway us, but I did not hear anything about faculty giving up or sharing offices.*

P.S. More questions are why this group of offices is getting attention over other offices that also have old furniture. And how does this help students here at the college?

Michael Ansell responded to Matt's questions by indicating that it's not Windows 10 or anything to do with computers. The actual windows in building 2100 are old, leaky, and damaged. Mike believes Building 2100 opened in about 1994 and has not been updated since. Most of the other offices on campus (4000, 1600, PE, 2400, 2000, etc.) are less than 10 years old. Mike asked Matt if there was a particular office related to his concern.

Lisa Everett e-mailed on December 7, 2015, 2:28 p.m. the following text:

Hello All,

I guess I will chime in here since I am one of the occupants of the building (but not on the Facilities Committee).

The 2100 Building is in desperate need of maintenance and upkeep. First, the paint is peeling off the walls, the walls throughout the building are all different colors; a fresh coat of paint is needed in all offices, hallways, and spaces. Second, the carpet is disgusting. M&O tries to occasionally clean the hallway carpets to make them more presentable; but it only makes them worse. There is so much dust, grime, and stains in the carpets from years of use, that the carpet cleaning only brings the filth and odor to the surface. Most of us have just resorted to area rugs to hide the carpet stains in our offices. And, those of us who suffer from allergies, would greatly appreciate new carpet. Third, more contemporary furnishings that allow for ergonomic adjustments are needed.

It is my understanding that much of the cost of the 2100 building "refresh" project will be to box up, and temporarily move out the occupants, so that the building work can occur. This is a huge task. (Anyone who has spent much time in this building, knows that many of the offices are jam packed).

The 2100 building is used daily by faculty, staff and students. The building is also frequently visited by community members. The space, as it currently exists, does not represent LPC in a positive light. The surfaces are old, dirty, and well beyond their lifespan. Our faculty, staff, students, and community deserve a clean and attractive space in line with level of excellence we strive for everyday in our classrooms.

I encourage the college to prioritize this much needed building work.

On December 7, 2015 at 7:41 p.m., Michael Ansell e-mailed the committee and Dr. Barry Russell indicating the motion to approve the 2100 renovation project passed. The votes were: 9 yes, 1 no, 2 members not voting. Michael Ansell indicated to Dr. Russell that "the Facilities and Sustainability recommends that LPC go forward with the 2100 project."