



Opening Doors for Student Success!

Mendocino College Bond Implementation Planning Committee - January 11, 2007

BIP Committee

The Bond Implementation Planning (BIP) committee offers advice to the Superintendent/President concerning the overall planning for the implementation of Measure W bond projects. Committee activities include project identification, planning coordination, prioritization and scheduling, and coordination of communication to college constituencies about the status of all bond projects.

Subcommittees will be formed to focus on specific projects, such as the new Library/Learning Resource Center. We'll keep you posted!



Members of the Bond Implementation Plan Committee are, left to right, Kathryn G. Lehner, Superintendent/President, BIP chair; Eileen Cichocki, Director of Fiscal Services, Mike Adams, Director of Facility Services, Tom Kesity, VP of Administrative Services, John Loucks, Telecommunications Technician (Classified member), Ross Beck, Director of Public Information, Mark Rawitsch, Dean of Instruction-Centers, Meridith Randall, VP of Education and Student Services, Karen Christopherson, Director of Computing Services, Donald Moore, Dean of Student Services, and John Koetzner, Head Librarian (Faculty member).

Bond Projects Funded

Because of some careful pre-planning by the Board of Trustees, two projects that have been completed or are in progress qualify for bond funding prior to issuance of bonds. Once bonds have been issued, the District will transfer funds to cover the costs.

The first project is the reroofing of the Quad area buildings completed in July 2006 at a cost of \$77,000. This included the ASMC/Schats Cafe, Bookstore/Purchasing,

and classroom buildings 200 (culinary arts), 300 (nursing), 400 and 500 (general).

The second project is the network upgrade begun in December 2006 and scheduled for completion in May 2007. The total cost is estimated at \$355,000, of which the bond will cover \$105,000 of cost and state block grants cover the remaining balance. This upgrade provides capacity for faster internet access and a new integrated information system, including online registration and student services. It also allows for future expansion for additional services, such as wireless network access and streaming video for Distance Education programs.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The District is actively recruiting volunteers to serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) with the placement of paid advertising in local newspapers, public service announcements and to radio stations, and direct mailing to groups and individuals contacted during the campaign. The deadline to receive applications is Friday, January 19, 2007. Applications are available online at www.mendocino.edu/bond.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is charged with overseeing the expenditure of bond proceeds. Specifically, it will ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure W, and ensure no bond proceeds are used for operating expenses or general administrative or faculty salaries.

The committee shall consist of at least seven members, to be selected by the board of trustees, to serve for a term of two years and not for more than two consecutive terms. Members shall serve without compensation.

Persons selected for this committee will be active members or represent one of the following categories: A member of a business organization representing the business community located within the district, a member of a senior citizens organization, a member of a bona-fide taxpayers association, a currently enrolled Mendocino College student active in a college club or organization, and a member of the community at-large. No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of Mendocino College may be appointed to the committee.

Members appointed to the CBOC will be determined at the February 7, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting.