



Opening Doors for Student Success!

Mendocino College Bond Implementation Planning Committee - April 25, 2007

Student Services Move and Renovation

The Student Services move and renovation planning committee is co-chaired by Mike Adams and Donald Moore, and all affected staff members have been involved. The objective is to use the current Student Services space in Room 1000 and the current Admissions and Records office plus Room 1200 (currently a classroom) and the west section of old faculty offices (all in MacMillan Hall) to create a “one-stop shop” for students to more smoothly get enrolled and get the help they need.

Financial Aid, EOPS, CARE and CALWorks will be vacating the current Library building and moving up to MacMillan Hall. The planning for this is scheduled to be completed this spring, with work beginning during summer and fall.

Site Selection for Willits and Lake Centers

Mark Rawitsch, Mike Adams and Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner have started working as the initial Site Selection Committee for both the Willits and Lake Centers. Last week they had their first meeting in Willits with Ross Walker, City Manager; Marilyn Harden, Assistant City Manager; and Alan Felerri, City Planner, where they identified seven or eight potential sites. The College indicated to them that we would like to be as close to the County Library and Museum as possible. Walker subsequently contacted the owner of one of the more promising sites and is setting up a meeting for us in April.

Additionally, they met with Richard Knoll, Planning Director and Interim City Manager for the City of Lakeport, and Rick Coel, Lake County Planner, to discuss possible sites in Lake County. It appears most beneficial to us to be within the Lakeport city limits, due to sewer and water issues in Lake County,

and we identified four or five potential sites. One of the most promising is in the process of being annexed into the City and would give us good exposure on the south end of Lakeport. Mike is making some initial inquiries with this owner and land manager. Officials in both Willits and in Lake County are very enthusiastic about our new centers and are willing to facilitate the site selection process.

New Maintenance Warehouse on Ukiah Campus

The next major project to get Bond staff attention is the Maintenance/Warehouse on the Ukiah campus. It is planned to be located between the red barn and the Agriculture building. We are exploring “design/build” options for this building, which will save the District a considerable sum. Since this will not be a classroom building open to students, we do not have as strict of rules to follow in constructing this facility.

Management of Bond Program

Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner will be using a combination of internal staffing and external consultants to assist her and the Bond Implementation Planning Committee carry out the administration of the bond program. April’s Board of Trustees consent agenda contains items for approval of the Director of Facilities Planning and a related support position. These two positions will be funded with bond funds.

We are nearing the final selection of the program consulting firm and we may have a final selection by the end of April. Superintendent/President Kathy Lehner, Eileen Cichocki, Mike Adams have been working on a list of initial tasks for the consultant. We plan to hire them on a limited contract to start and then extend the task list based upon their performance.