Navajo County Community College District
Governing Board Study Session Minutes
June 18, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona

Governing Board Member Present: Ms. Ginny Handorf, Mr. Daniel Peaches, Mr. Prescott Winslow, Mr. Frank Lucero, Mr. Matteson present after 9:24 a.m.

Staff Present: President Jeanne Swarthout; Vice President Blaine Hatch; Vice President Mark Vest; Information Services Director Eric Bishop; Institutional Effectiveness Director Dr. Leslie Wasson; Recording Secretary to the Board Lisa Jayne.

1. Master Facilities Plan Update

Vice President Hatch stated DLR Group was used to create the College’s master facilities plan. It was constructed keeping future needs in mind and is intended to be supportive of the overall mission of the college and is in line with the strategic plan. Total for renovation work is $1 million, about a quarter of a million of that is deferred maintenance. Expansions and new facilities are the largest expenses. White Mountain Campus has largest expense and component of future expansion, that includes a new Allied Health building, a new Skills Center, and a community multipurpose building. Silver Creek Campus expansion only includes expansion of Performing Arts Center annex that would provide additional storage. The Painted Desert Campus has Skills Center in progress and an expansion of Skills Center that could be planned down the line. Little Colorado Campus needs renovations to make the facilities more efficient, by eliminating the modular buildings, relocating cosmetology, and does include the development of a student services building that would be front door to the campus.

Mr. Lucero asked why the major expansions are at White Mountain Campus. Vice President Hatch stated that a major expansion on the parking lot has just been completed at that location, it is the largest campus both physically and enrollment-wise, and much of the demand still continues to be in the Show Low area. The Show Low campus draws from other areas, it is centrally located to much of the population. President Swarthout stated that in Show Low all career and technical education programs are housed off campus; auto, welding and welding arts are located in the Industrial Park. A new Skills Center at White Mountain Campus would allow for all the programs to be located on campus, as well as potentially creating new ones. The construction mechatronics program will require leasing more space off campus. Costs could be better controlled if the programs were on campus, and would also be a better experience for students because they’d be on campus with all administrative services.

In regards to adding an allied health building, lack of space confines growth in that area as the programs is out of room and no new programs can be created. Which one has priority is the question.
Mr. Lucero stated that population-wise Winslow is bigger than Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside area. He asked why that population was not a bigger demand. President Swarthout stated that NAU and Coconino pulls from Winslow. Also, the enrollment in Winslow does not reflect the population of the area. Mr. Lucero asked why that was. Vice President Vest stated that 2010 census data shows that the communities that are growing the fastest is Show Low, Snowflake, Taylor, although these are pre-mill closure statistics. Coconino has become largely a satellite of NAU and a lot of their enrollment is exchange enrollment with NAU. Really the only area of competition is in the nursing program. Enrollment in Winslow is good, it is second largest location, but Silver Creek Campus, Little Colorado Campus and Painted Desert Campus are clustered and all three together have the same enrollment as White Mountain Campus. White Mountain Campus draws more from other locations.

Vice President Hatch stated that Winslow has adequate facilities for what’s presently being used and are not hurting for space. Plans and recommends for Winslow, including relocation of cosmetology at $610,000, is a better investment for the near term. Little Colorado Campus has more renovation work than other campuses. Silver Creek Campus offers classes that are offered nowhere else due to the performing arts focus. It is unclear yet how the mill closing will affect enrollment at Silver Creek Campus but performing arts draws students from across the district, not just from Snowflake/Taylor.

Chair Handorf asked for statistics of enrollment at each campus. Vice President Vest stated that one-third or about 33% of College enrollment is at White Mountain Campus, other three campuses plus internet enrollment are at about 10% each (40%), all remaining enrollment at centers, off site in Apache County, comes in at 2-6% per location (27%). Looking at it from FTSE, Fall 2011 there were 621 FTSE at White Mountain Campus, 165 FTSE Winslow, 189 FTSE Holbrook, and 189 FTSE Silver Creek Campus. The percentage of general education enrollment is higher in Snowflake and Show Low than anywhere else.

Vice President Hatch covered the White Mountain Campus facilities plan. Mr. Lucero asked if at some point the White Mountain Campus would be landlocked. Vice President Hatch stated that it would but there are other potential options for land. Chair Handorf stated that there’s a need for White Mountain Campus expansion and it is overdue. Mr. Winslow asked how the facilities would be paid for. Vice President Hatch stated there are no plans for bonding or to borrow for any of these projects. The College has set aside funds over the last several years and are funds identified for capital and operational activities.

Mr. Peaches asked what location students from Pinon drive to as they are split between Kayenta and Hopi, and if there was potential to teach some classes out of Pinon. President Swarthout stated that classes had been held at Pinon in the past and were not very successful. President Swarthout also offered to take board members to any campus or centers they haven’t been able to visit yet. Chair Handorf stated community outreaches are a great time for board members to visit the campus in their areas. President Swarthout stated community outreach dates are included in board reports. Chair Handorf asked if there were still meetings with representatives from all communities to meet for community outreach. President Swarthout stated that it didn’t work
well because the knowledge level was substantially different, ended up educating and not hearing from community members.

Vice President Hatch reviewed the facilities plan for NATC with the Board. President Swarthout stated that in the fall there will be an opportunity for the Board to tour NATC to get familiar with the facilities. Mr. Winslow asked if some time in future the Board could have an outline of development process for facilities.

Mr. Lucero asked for details about the proposed project facilities at NATC. Vice President Hatch stated it is still in development stage and would bring back that information to the Board when it was available. Mr. Lucero asked when asphalt was laid at the NATC facility if a bonded contractor was used. Vice President Hatch stated there were problems with the whole asphalt project. President Swarthout stated there would be a study session in the near future regarding NATC.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jayne
Recording Secretary to the Board