

Kilgore College
Faculty Association
Minutes of 24 January 2014
1:30 p.m. Randolph C. Watson Library
Educational Room
William Wells, Faculty Senate President, 2013-2014

In attendance were the following senators:

Ginger Dennis	Gus LaFosse	John Raulston	Cathy Beckman
William Stowe	Brandon Walker	William Wells	Nate Whitten
Susan Black	Paula Carter	Jackie Hobbs	

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Holda

Old Business: *Dr. Holda led the meeting, discussing a number of our ongoing concerns, namely the multimillion dollar master plan and its components.

1. Master Plan Itself

a. Around 26 million dollars have been spent over the past decade or so to improve infrastructure of Kilgore campus: roofs, renovations, electrical upgrades, etc. We have very adequate infrastructure, but poor cosmetics. The master plan will update the campus in appearance and function.

b. Five member committee of architects are in charge of the master plan to be submitted for approval in June; \$100,000 has been set aside for the planning of this upgrade.

c. The “master plan” will include the implementation of Jenzabar, the renovation of the library, the renovation of Laird Hospital, the renovation of the space vacated by the science program, general cosmetic improvements, and technological improvements.

2. Implementation of Jenzabar

a. Expected in the Spring of 2015

b. KC went to Poise in 1998 in fear of Y2K; affordable and functional for then; used Moodle which was free then.

c. Moodle is now limited for our purposes; no longer free; we need a more integrated system.

d. Two years ago started looking at possible replacements working with other schools: Banner and Blackboard were cost prohibitive; Jenzabar is completely integrated [financial aid, academics, schedules, email, ekilgore, etc] for both student and faculty purposes.

e. Jenzabar will cost 1.4 million to purchase and implement as opposed to the expected estimated 10 million for other schools/other systems. This savings can be well spent elsewhere.

3. Library Renovation

- a. Two million dollars were reserved for the library renovations.
- b. Not using our typical architect, necessary for us to stay in budget.
- c. Committee recommendations have been given to the architect.
- d. Plans to start in the summer (upon the completion of Laird Hospital) and finish within twelve months.
- e. Looking for available temporary space for the library and considering the possibility of the space vacated by the science program.

4. Laird Hospital

- a. should be able to occupy by summer.
- b. should cost approximately 2 million to renovate.
- c. considering how to best use the vacant space on Kilgore campus.

5. Cosmetic Improvements to Campus could include:

- a. creating a focal point in place of the LA building: a waterway or a walkway
- b. revamping sidewalks
- c. more trees and an appeal to the community
- d. new signage
- e. revamping the bridge walkway over Hwy. 259

6. Technological and Functional Improvements

- a. More hotspots will allow for more technology.
- b. multiply the number of hotspots by 10, which should be adequate for the next ten years.
- c. underground utilities and wiring
- d. more parking in general, especially on the north side of campus.
- e. more buffer room around campus.

7. Longview Campus

a. there are legal issues that hinder or prohibit us from spending money collected through the school district on a campus that is located outside of the school district (Longview campus.) Therefore there is some concern about how to raise the money for Longview renovations. Legally, the renovations would have to be paid for by that campus alone, which does not generate enough revenue. We are looking of ways to go around these rules.

