

**Glendale Community College
Master Planning Committee (Team A)**

**January 24, 2013
1:00 p.m.
CS 266**

Present: Davit Avagyan, Kathy Bakhit, Keith Conover, Mike Dulay, Lourdes Girardi, Pat Hurley, Henan Joof (proxy for Austin Kemie), Emelyn Judge, Ed Karpp, Deborah Kinley, Arman Marukyan, Mary Mirch, Ron Nakasone, Alfred Ramirez, Michael Ritterbrown, Isabelle Saber, Rory Schlueter, Jan Young, Hoover Zariani (NO QUORUM)

Absent: Tina Andersen-Wahlberg, Saodat Aziskhanova, Peter Green, Rick Guglielmino, Alice Mecom, Sang Nam, Elmira Nazaryan, Toni Reyes, Jim Riggs, Jeanette Stirdivant, Jan Swinton, Paul Vera, Donna Voogt

Guests: Lisa Brooks, Brenda Jones, Jean Lecuyer, Amir Nour, Andra Verstraete

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Karpp called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 18, 2012

- Approval of minutes was not considered because a quorum was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Annual Planning Theme: Strategies to Communicate “Community” Theme and Incorporate into Daily Activities

The committee began by brainstorming about how to develop community. The discussion began with points made by Jean Lecuyer in a January 22 email to Team A and Team B. The email addressed the Faculty Dining Room and the conversations that used to occur there when the college was smaller. Team A talked about the current Faculty Dining Room, which is not as inviting as it used to be due to uncomfortable furniture and the fact that it is frequently reserved for meetings, so people are unable to use it whenever they have a break. The room has been partitioned in half so that one half can be used as a Culinary Arts classroom when the Los Robles building is destroyed for new construction of the Lab/College Services Building. There were questions about the suitability of the current space to facilitate conversations and community. [Note: Many Team A members walked to the Faculty Dining Room after the meeting and the consensus was that it is still a suitable space.] Some of the issues discussed included:

- Is there a possibility of using part of the new Lab/College Services Building to replace the Faculty Dining Room? Feedback from those involved in facilities planning indicated that this is not a possibility.
- There should be more opportunities for discussion and we should foster the feeling that we want to have discussions.
- We could set up a chat room or Facebook group where people post when they are going to lunch at the Faculty Dining Room and invite anyone interested to join them.
- Is the lack of conversations a time issue (not having the time to have lunch outside of the office) or a space issue (not having a good space to go to)? The committee felt it was both.
- If there were a place to get good coffee at a good price on campus, then people would do it.

- The space could be decorated with photos of GCC's history.
- It would be possible to get donations to fund this if we have a plan. It would also be possible to fund it with employee contributions, including a District match. Target and/or Costco might want to donate furniture or supplies. Lisa Brooks will set up a Foundation account for contributing to this fund.
- Should it be like an exclusive club with private invitations to increase interest?
- Additional sites for something like this might be an office rental at Towne and Verdugo, or regular meetings/events at the Wine Cave in Montrose.
- In time, an on-campus site might be found through the secondary effects process after the Lab/College Services Building is finished.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to pilot a "coffee lounge"/college club area using the Faculty Dining Room in Spring 2013. Isabelle Saber collected donations from the committee to purchase more comfortable furniture and a coffee machine for the space.

The committee had additional ideas to foster community:

- Celebrating accomplishments (in person, on a Facebook page, etc.)
- Wearing GCC shirts on a specific day
- Off-campus activities/sports: bowling, softball, flag football, basketball, tennis, spin classes, cooking together, music, dancing, theater, community service
- Division retreats
- Extend Fitness Center hours
- Have one common calendar that lists all events on campus
- More staff participation in ASGCC activities
- Continue campus beautification events
- Have a link for students on the GCC web page to the GCC Facebook groups

A future Team A meeting will be scheduled for happy hour, possibly at the Wine Cave in Montrose

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Many committee members walked to the Faculty Dining Room together to see if it would be a suitable space for a coffee bar/college club area.

Submitted by Ed Karpp