

**1. How does the college make decisions on bond projects?**

All decisions on bond projects are made through a collective committee process under Shared Governance and those decisions are guided by the college's Facilities Master Plan. An update to the college's Master Plan was completed in September 2008 to identify the changes in the original Master Plan and the projects identified in Measure J. All projects are taken from the Master Plan, then to Bond Steering Committee for recommendation to the Shared Governance Council. Any item that is supported by the Shared Governance Council is forwarded as a recommendation to the College President. The College President can only approve or disapprove a recommendation.

**2. Why is the college spending money on construction when the college has a budget deficit?**

The college is using funds from a bond program for construction projects which are separate from general fund dollars used to operate the college. Construction does not increase the college's budget deficit.

**3. Why did the college decide to build the field on top of a parking garage?**

Los Angeles City College is a relatively small, land-locked, urban campus that is very densely populated. In order to provide more room for classroom and educational facilities, the field was moved to the top of the parking structure as a space accommodation effort. In addition, it is modeled on similar structures at other colleges.

**4. Why was the Health/Fitness/P.E. facility redesigned?**

The original Health/Fitness/P.E. facility was designed at a time when construction prices were escalating beyond a reasonable expectation. It was also designed with a challenging building footprint, which required the facility to be built as a tall, slender structure. When buildings are built in this manner (taller and higher) they tend to be more expensive. The building estimate at the time the construction drawings were complete was more than twice the budget. At this time another building site became available which would be much more conducive to a Health/Fitness/P.E. facility in the northwest corner of the campus. The building was thus redesigned for the new site and to come in within the budget. The newly redesigned Health/Fitness/P.E. facility is currently under construction and is under the budget. The savings created by this move has allowed the college to renovate four additional buildings (Holmes Hall, South Gym, Life Sciences and the Chemistry Building).

**5. Did LACC college officials regularly move buildings in the construction program?**

No, there were projects that had to be cancelled or moved due to the rising construction costs that occurred in the mid 2000's. The cancelling and moving of projects was the impetus for the update to the Facilities Master Plan completed in September 2008. No projects have been moved since the update to the Master Plan was completed. Also, during the roughly four-year period that the current Administration has been in place, there have been no significant changes to the Master Plan. The move of the Health/Fitness/P.E. facility took place prior to 2008 and was not done by the current administration.

**6. What alternative facilities have been put in place for physical education while the construction program is underway?**

The program has leased tennis courts and soccer fields at local parks and facilities while construction has been underway.

**7. What is the status of the parking garage and M&O Facility connected to the field?**

The Parking Structure, M&O Facility and Shipping and Receiving have been open since the Fall Semester 2008.

**8. What is Shared Governance?**

With the passage of AB1725 (1988 –implemented in 1990), California law codified the necessity of input from all campus constituencies in the decision-making process for Community Colleges. The actual term used in the law is “Participatory Governance” and it identifies areas of faculty concern, generally known as the “10+1” which are those issues over which faculty should have purview. The Shared Governance Council at LACC is made up of Faculty, Administration, Staff, and Students who meet monthly to consider policy proposals and to make recommendations to the college president. Through this process, all constituency groups on campus have a voice in the major decisions made by the college, including decisions about campus construction. Items approved by the Shared Governance Council are presented as recommendations to the College President.

**9. What role does Shared Governance play in the bond program?**

All projects must be presented for approval and status updates to the Bond Steering Committee, a sub-committee of the Shared Governance Council. All recommendations from the Bond Steering Committee are presented to the Shared Governance Council for their recommendations to the college president. The Shared Governance process allows for all stakeholders to be represented. It also works to prohibit any single body or office from making a decision that impacts an entire campus. For example, it stops any individual from making a unilateral decision on moving the location of a building.

**10. What is the status of the athletic field / athletic track?**

The status of the athletic field is that it is currently under repair and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2011. The athletic track redesign has been completed. The construction of the athletic track should begin spring / summer 2011 with a plan to complete prior to the end of 2011.

**11. Why did the trustees decide to lease land at LACC to Majestic Golf Land?**

At the time of the lease agreement, there were no bond funds available to the college and there was no discussion of a bond. The decision was made to lease the land as a revenue generating endeavor to assist the college with its budget deficit at the time.

**12. What is a Project Shepherd and what role do they play in the bond program?**

The Project Shepherd is the leader of the building user group. The building user group is comprised of all building users, campus maintenance, IT and administration to ensure that the building meets the needs of the users while still fitting into the campus structure. The Project Shepherd is elected by the User Group and is the main point of contact between the bond program and the user group. At Los Angeles City College the Project Shepherd is usually a faculty member of the college.

**13. Were the students and staff kept informed of the status of bond projects at the college?**

The bond program has made every effort to keep faculty, staff and students informed of the bond projects. There have been Town Hall Meetings, President Updates, Bond Steering Meetings and postings to the college website.

**14. What is the Facilities Master Plan and what role does it play in the bond program?**

The Facilities Master Plan is a living document that is the blueprint for the college capital improvement plan. It is used to identify and designate the most appropriate locations for disciplines and programs and to identify locations for future capital improvements. It is the basis for the list of approved bond projects.

**15. Why has the college made a claim against the original designer of the Parking Structure and Athletic Field and what is the status of that claim?**

The college is in the process of pursuing a claim against the designer as it is the college's opinion that the delays to the projects have been caused by design issues. The issue is still pending as the athletic track & field are not complete and therefore all issues have not been identified. In order to pursue this claim as a one-time issue, the project needs to be complete so all damages can be assessed.

**16. What is the college doing to resolve the issues around the delays of the field?**

The college has leased alternate program space to accommodate program needs while the delay has occurred and is pursuing a claim to recoup fees. In addition, a design firm was hired to analyze and create a design fix to the track. That design fix has recently been completed and will be implemented.