



President's Report to the Board of Trustees



October 31, 2017

**Following is a compendium of email reports to the Board for the month of October.
Copies of confidential communications are available on request.**

1. Several Board members have been able to have conversations with key individuals in Walnut. As a result, we have added some clarification to our settlement proposal and will be including the Landscape plans developed by Gary Nellesen and his crew--and also shared with Rob Wishner and his staff last week.
Also, with the effort to make "bullet-proof" our Environmental Impact Reports on both the Solar Field Project and the Physical Education Project, we will be adding an additional round of review by Attorney Sabrina Teller who handled a similar case concluded last year representing San Mateo Community College District. Her contact information is [attached](#).
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2. [Attached](#) is feedback from Trustee Jay Chen on consideration of the Spiker Consulting Group as a potential contracted lobbying firm. 10/23/17
3. Guided Pathways allocations were announced today ([attached](#)). Mt. SAC has the highest funding: \$3,136,515 over five years; \$784,129 this year, 2017-18. Funds are to be used to implement Guided Pathways--no other limitations. 10/23/17
4. Attorney Sean Absher has sent the [attached](#) communication to attorneys for the City of Walnut and the United Walnut Taxpayers that the City's proposal is not acceptable.
10/18/17
5. Sean has forwarded the settlement proposal from the City of Walnut ([attached](#)) also in redline form ([attached](#)). The proposal resulted from their closed session meeting last Wednesday. [Also attached](#) is the transmittal email from Barbara Leibold, the City's attorney. The proposal would require Mt. SAC to move all the stadium project dirt off site and not develop the West Parcel at all.
In a related development, David Hall had contact with Mansfield Collins who apparently was unaware of the full extent of Mt. SAC's settlement offer. He has indicated that those terms may be acceptable to United Walnut Taxpayers. In a conversation with me late last night, I made Mansfield aware that any agreement with UWT would need to be accompanied by an agreement with the City to move the dirt to the West Parcel. He is talking to the UWT team today and is aware that a stronger role of UWT with Walnut City Council members would be needed. I expect a call back from him this afternoon. I will keep you informed. 10/13/17

6. Responses to the following questions from Trustee Jay Chen. 10/10/17
 - Do you have a response to dual enrollment concerns expressed by senate ([attached](#))? Yes, Irene, Audrey and I crafted the response to the Senate on dual enrollment. See [attached](#).
 - How many participants will be in the management offsite team building dinner? The dinner is part of the annual management professional development retreat. Typically, about 80 managers attend. The funding is in the college budget as professional development, and resources are provided to all employee groups. For example, Classified Staff have a similar annual retreat attended by 50 or so employees.
 - How many choir members will attend the int'l competition and what is expected cost to our general fund? This particular chamber singers international completion will be paid entirely by donations to the Mt. SAC Foundation. My understanding is that about 85% of the expected cost has already been received or pledged. This is a similar strategy to that employed when the group competed in China a couple of years ago.

7. We have verified that the building at the corner of Amar and Grand is in escrow. See [attached](#). 10/9/17

8. The change in the composition of the U.S. Supreme Court has far reaching implications, one of which is likely to affect higher education. A significant issue that will be heard during the spring is related to the ability for unions to have "agency shop" mandatory fee collection from all employees. The [attached LA Times article](#) discusses the matter. 10/5/17

9. As a result of the progress on the litigation settlement agreement, I have asked Attorney Sean Absher to prepare an amended action by the Board with respect to certifying the West Parcel Solar Project Tiered Draft Environmental Impact Report. You will see the result in the attached documents: [clean](#) and [redline](#) versions. The modification separates the project into two phases: the grading operations and the construction of the solar field. Only Phase 1 will be up for approval next week. This relieves the City from the need to pursue legal steps as a result of Board action at next week's meeting while leaving open the possibility of concluding the solar project authorization by approving Phase 2 in the future. Sean's email below gives a more detailed explanation. A notification to the field will be released today announcing the above approach to Board action on the solar project. This is an important step to reduce angst among those who are not privy to the settlement negotiations but nevertheless would contribute to a negative and unproductive environment as we seek to finalize the Memorandum of Agreement. 10/5/17

10. [Attached](#) is the Memorandum of Settlement that Sean sent to the two attorney's earlier this evening. Also [attached](#) is a redline version that shows the edits that have evolved over the last two days. 10/4/17

11. [Attached](#) is Jill Dolan's report on tonight's City of Walnut Mt. SAC Task Force Meeting. 10/3/17