Ybor City Campus Planning Council

Draft of Minutes: 11-04-11; YADM304, 8:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Chuck Holmes, David Liller, Christina Acosta, Carol Zavarella, Emery Alford, Suzanne Crosby, Pat Weber, Loretta “Rose” Ramsay.

The meeting started at approximately 8:40 A.M.

**Renovation Updates:**

David Liller noted that most of the renovations are on schedule, with a few of them behind schedule.

- Fitness Center - On schedule
- Plaza - On Schedule
- YLRC – behind schedule, Dr. Alford noted that the Library might be open before the end of the semester, as there are some security and access issues.
- YFAC – behind schedule due to carpet/ furniture changes. Also some issues with power access requirement changes.
- Radio /TV may be the first to move into first floor of the YLRC building.

YADM 2\textsuperscript{nd} floor renovations almost complete. Facilities will be doing a walk-through on Wed., and then to discuss Punch List. This space should be open before the end of the semester.

**Recap- President’s Community Forum**

David Liller Noted that there was a good discussion at the President’s Community Forum. The focus of the meeting was on the College’s Mission, Vision, and Values, and how those relate to the community. Some positive comments from the community related to HCC’s low cost, accessibility to programs, and a variety of AA and AS programs available. The community participants also noted that they felt that HCC needs to do more to be on the cutting edge of new job requirements, and that ways should be investigated to find ways to improve communication and feedback between the college and the community. The gentleman from K-Force seemed to be the most outspoken at the meeting.

The community members receive and invitation to the meetings. David Liller said that about 200 invitations went out, and there seems to be a different group of respondents at each
meeting held, but we are getting a good cross section of the community to attend at least one meeting.

**Recap - Dr. Robinson’s Fireside Chat**

Dr. Robinson discussed the Community Forum meeting, and also noted that Angela Walters has been hired as the Public Relations person for Ybor City (shared with Plant City), to help promote the programs offered by the college and to help improve communications with the community.

**Discussion: CIF funding**

With the cuts in the budget there may not be much PICO funding next year, but items that are wanted or needed by a department need to be requested in case funds become available. The deans will be sending out instructions to the department managers regarding requesting CIF items.

CIF items are student related needs, such as equipment and software licenses. Rose Ramsay noted that software is sometimes best purchased as a site license, versus individual licenses purchased by a department.

Suzanne Crosby noted that the Visual Arts Building really needs to be renovated. Christina Acosta inquired about the possibility of getting grants. The college used to have a grants writer, do we still have one? There may be money available (if we can apply for and get it) for Cultural Facilities Spaces- these are usually big dollar grants.

Chuck Holmes noted that at the ASTC meeting last Wednesday, Rich Senker informed the technicians that at some point in the future, the college plans to start leasing computers versus buying them. He also stated that each open lab will be getting two Macintosh computers for use.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Friday, December 2 at 8:30 A.M. in Dr. Alford’s conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.