

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Eric Bishop

DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Board Workshop – 2022-2032 Facilities Master Plan

Ohlone Community College District is in the process of developing the ten (10) year District Facilities Master Plan. Part of the process is to solicit feedback, input, and ideas from all constituency groups including the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of the workshop is to allow ELS Architecture and Urban Design to interact with the Board of Trustees to gather input, feedback, and goals for the District's facilities.

ELS Architecture and Urban Design will ask the following questions to guide the conversation and information gathering on the 2022-2032 District Facilities Master Plan.

- 1) What do you see as the biggest challenges and highest priorities for Ohlone College in the next ten years that has an impact to the District's facilities?
- 2) Given the changing demographics of the Bay Area which includes a decline in high school graduates and an aging population, and a District goal of reaching 10,000 FTES, how do you see the distribution of what courses and programs are offered - between university transfer, career entry and personal enrichment changing?
- 3) Do you see vocational/technical courses and programs having a greater emphasis/growth potential? What other shifts in class offerings do you anticipate?
- 4) Does the Board currently have priorities related to Ohlone facilities at either the Fremont or Newark campuses?
- 5) One of the Strategic Plan recommendations asserts "Be innovative, aggressive, and diligent in pursuit of non-apportionment revenue". How can the DFMP support this concept? What types of facilities could be included?
- 6) In May, Gavin Newsom announced a budget surplus in California and intends to allocate some of that money towards Community Colleges "to build affordable student housing or acquire commercial properties to do so, with priority access given to low-income and underrepresented students". About a dozen of California's 116 community colleges provide housing – how important is this issue for the Board?

- 7) Newsom is also proposing \$115 million in one-time funding for community colleges to eliminate textbook costs by developing free and open educational resources and certificate and degree programs that don't incur those expenses. We also heard from students that online/digital learning was preferred. How much should the District lean into remote learning and remote resources?
- 8) The Strategic Plan mentions extensive engagement with the broader District community to create alliances. Is this something the Board is considering? What can Ohlone College do to further their connection and relationships with the communities they serve? What additional offerings could be made to the Ohlone regional community to maintain their active support of the College?
- 9) Both campuses have significant available land directly on their frontages – Cherry at Newark and Mission at Fremont. The land at Fremont has been surplus by the Board previously. What uses does the Board envision on these frontages to make a better community connection and face for the College?
- 10) The pandemic has disproportionately hurt minorities and low-income families. How does the Board think Ohlone can help bridge that gap and provide more assistance to these groups to rebound from the pandemic?
- 11) With Ohlone's two existing campuses in the southern half of the district, does the Board see an opportunity in providing services directly to the north by opening a small facility closer to Union City? What do you think the programs or courses that would fit the needs of Union City and the northern part of Fremont and Newark?
- 12) How do you view the relationship between the Newark and Fremont campuses? Does the Board support expanding the Newark Campus into a "complete campus" that can provide most services to students without travel to the Fremont campus?

The final draft of the 2022-2032 District Facilities Master Plan will be presented to the board for approval in late spring 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Item for information/discussion only.