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Construction/Renovation Updates

Student Center, Fine Arts and Applied Technology Buildings

Meetings were held with the committee chairs (deans) for each area recently to review and make final modifications to the general layout of these facilities. The architect, Carl Joiner, will begin work on the designs immediately and construction will begin in late spring or early summer.



Academic and Winship Building Renovations

Discussions will continue through the month of January before any final decisions are made. We are still assessing exactly what must be done to insure an efficient and functional Academic Building.

The Winship Building is an easier project because of the dollars and limited scope of the renovations. Several offices will be relocated to either the new Student Center or Greenspoint Center so different options exist for office space.

Greenspoint Center Parking Garage

The recent purchase of the Bennigan's Restaurant the week before the holidays has created some additional options for parking at Greenspoint. We'll be examining different options for a new garage, a renovated garage, or expanded ground parking in early spring.

Health Professions Building

A separate architecture firm (PDG) will handle this project. Initial planning meetings will occur in mid-January pending completion of the building purchase near the Northwest Medical Center. (More details will be sent out later in January).

Traffic and Parking

The proposed plans call for relocation of Hurricane Lane from its current location to the back of the parking lots on the south side of campus (the Richey Road side) starting at approximately the Applied Tech Building and curving to the end of the parking area on Turkey Drive (Aldine Westfield) nearest the church. The current road would be incorporated into a master planned parking area/pedestrian walkway highlighted by green areas and more defined walking areas from the parking areas. The plan includes landscaping and new trees in most of the parking lots more along the style of what one would find in The Woodlands or Kingwood. A great deal of thought and effort will be made to insure that LSC-North Harris is safe, well lighted, and "green" in every sense of the word.

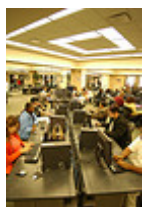
Cafeteria Update

The "Lone Star Café" officially opened on January 5. There were various difficulties in the completion of this project, but the final product will be very positive for students and employees. I think you'll find the food and the prices competitive with area businesses.



The employee dining room will be reserved for employees during the lunch period except for very special college events.

Strategic Planning



The System Office has provided the colleges with goals and objectives for strategic planning. The colleges will now move forward with the development of specific college actions in order to meet those goals. A LSC-North Harris Strategic Planning Committee will be created and headed by Andre Perez, Dean of College Services. We're still working out the details of membership for a steering committee and a number of subcommittees, but membership will involve faculty, staff and administrators. For those of you who participated in the previous strategic plan at North Harris, this process will again be inclusive and will be the operational master plan for the college.

Office of Technology Systems (OTS)

Thanks to the work of Butch Juelg and his staff, and funds from the System Office, the following accomplishments have or will occur in a short period:



- 100% of all lab and general use computers are now four years old or newer.
- 100% of faculty and staff will have computers that are four years old or newer by Spring Break.
- **VOIP Phones** have been installed across the campus. Classrooms will be installed with phones later this semester.
- **Digital Signage**-LSC-North Harris will have about 15 LCD panel screens across campus installed by February 14. These state-of-the-art screens will allow the college to post information, schedules, and weather and safety warnings.

Budget/Staffing



Initial staffing and equipment requests for the 2009-2010 budgets have been received. While the enrollment growth over the past year at LSC-North Harris has put the college in a good position, we will enter this budgeting cycle with close attention to the current state of the national and state economy. We are already reviewing ways to reduce expenditures this current year without impacting the level of service provided to our students.

Until we see ourselves clear of long term economic concerns, I am not anticipating any net increases in the total number of employees from this current year to next. We had a total of 27 early retirements and we are reviewing the open positions to determine the need for replacement.

Special Dates

Conference Day - February 19	LSC-North Harris
Graduation Ceremony - May 8	Champion Forest Baptist Church
