COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

STATEMENT OF COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL PLANS

The College of Alameda (COA) is one of four colleges in the Peralta Community College District, located in the California East Bay Region, on the Island of Alameda. The College's main campus is located at 555 Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway (Atlantic Avenue) with two satellite education centers; one located in a nearby business complex (Sciences), and one a few miles away near the Oakland International Airport (Aviation). The main campus houses eight bi-level permanent buildings and approximately twenty-two portable buildings for approximately 290,600 sq. ft. of building area on 57.4 acres. The College of Alameda's Science Complex is located at 860 Atlantic Avenue and will house all Science related programs and courses beginning fall semester 2011. The Sciences will remain in this approximately 26,000 sq. ft. building until such time that the main campus, newly constructed building is completed along with the Science wing (estimated completion of the new C & D building is Spring of 2015. The College of Alameda's Aviation Maintenance Training Facility is located at 970 Harbor Bay Parkway at the North Field of the Oakland Airport. The Aviation Facility houses two permanent buildings and a storage-shed, for a total of 28,400 sq. ft. on 2 acres of land.

Classes are scheduled during the day, evening, and on Saturdays and Sundays, budget permitting. The College offers A.A. and A.S. degrees in forty areas, twelve of which are traditional, occupational programs. The comprehensive general education/transfer programs provide courses for students transferring to the University of California and California State University systems and private colleges.

In fall 2010, College of Alameda enrolled 6,548 students; 56% female and 44% male; 54% of the students at the college are under the age of 25. Underrepresented ethnic groups comprised 78% of the student population (Asians, 35%; Filipino, 3%; Hispanic, 14%; African American, 25%; and Native American, 1%). Twenty-seven percent of students were returning, while new students and new transfers comprised 30% of the student population. It should be noted, twenty-two percent of the student population fell into the uncollected/unreported category, and another 8% selected non-applicable when asked about their educational goals. Sixty-two percent of the students enroll in day courses with the remaining 38% are part of the evening program.[i]

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES NEEDS

To complete the educational programming needs of the institution, the Educational Master Plan of the College calls for the construction of Building C and D, a combined building that houses the majority of the instructional classrooms, large lecture halls, science and computer labs, Art Studios, and Apparel Design and Merchandising program lab/classrooms, as well as faculty and administrative instructional offices. Due to the costs for renovation, the decision was made to demolish Buildings "C" & "D" and design-build a new building.

As part of the remodel for Buildings "C" & "D," plans are underway to renovate an additional 26,000 square-foot single story office and laboratory building located at 860 Atlantic Avenue in Alameda. This property was acquired by the district from the City of Alameda in exchange for approximately 3 acres of land from the college's main campus. The Tinker Avenue Extension project, renamed Willie Stargell Avenue, is part of the city's redevelopment master plan and affects the land northeast of the college, immediately behind Building "E" and the tennis courts.

Once this is completed, Building "L" will be the next building remodeled. Building "L" houses the Library and the Learning Resources Center and is in need of improvements to positively contribute to students' use of information services, information technology, research and learning support services. Updating the floor plan would ensure that the information resources provide students with successful learning opportunities.

An expanded and improved Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system for the College is essential. Although many of the vents have been cleaned further repair is necessary. Expensive electronic devices fail or deteriorate due to overheating and dust accumulation. Increasing the number or density of electronic devices will exacerbate and extend the problem. Students and staff are adversely affected by excess or insufficient heat and ambient particulates, especially in Building L. Air conditioning was to have been installed in Building A at the time of renovation several years ago; however, instead a new chiller system will eventually be installed upon the completion of the new building that will service the entire campus.

[i] Data provided by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office MIS data mart.