Standard Eight – Physical Facilities

What changes have been made in the physical plant (new buildings, demolition/remodeling of old ones)?

Lane Community College facilities include the Main Campus, Downtown Center, and Business Development Center in Eugene along with an outreach centers in Cottage Grove and Florence. Many changes have been implemented since 2004, including construction of new buildings, demolition of old ones, major maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

Instructional and Support Facilities

The Facilities Management and Planning (FMP) department maintains all buildings, utilities, properties, and associated facilities-related systems in functional and operational capacity and performance in support of all instructional areas and needs. This broad mandate includes specialized Career Technical (CT) instructional labs, “smart” computer classrooms, performance areas, as well as hosting community events at the Center for Meeting and Learning (CML).

Lane’s core values are deeply embedded in FMP practice and the college Core Value of Sustainability in influencing work that occurs across the College – from the housekeeping products used to clean facilities, to Lane’s expanding recycling program and ongoing efforts to increase energy efficiencies in new and

Commitment to the College’s Diversity Core Value is reflected in the new 6,300 square foot Longhouse structure (Figure B.8.2) with an early 2010 expected completion date, at a cost of $1.6 million. This is a special building for Lane Community College, providing heightened recognition for mutual respect, reverence, and awareness between various cultures within Lane County and communities of the greater state of Oregon.

The Core Values of Innovation and Collaboration and Partnership are reflected in the relocation of KLCC Radio in early 2008. The station relocated to downtown Eugene in a remodeled 8,000 square foot building made possible by a radio station fund-raising campaign. The space in building 17 that was vacated by the KLCC radio station team has been remodeled for instructional use for the Media Arts department. Investment each year since 2004 of at least $30,000 in classroom furnishings to accommodate the special needs of students also reflects the institutional commitment to Diversity and Learning Core Values.

Facilities and Equipment Planning

The $83 million “renewal” bond was approved in November, 2008, the result of a Board decision to request Bond funding from the voters, based on widespread campus and broader community conversations, plans created in governance councils, student and staff surveys, and detailed planning and assessment by Facilities Management and Planning teams. The entire prioritized list of maintenance and capital project requests is continuously updated. This on-going planning also enabled the College to quickly take advantage of a special state funding opportunity, which resulted in an $8 million “Go Oregon” state stimulus package to Lane to make deferred maintenance improvements.

Facilities Council conducted a student survey to obtain students’ perceptions and opinions about Lane’s facilities. Findings influenced plans for indoor and outdoor gathering places for students, improved accessibility to facilities, increased motorcycle parking, more bike racks, $900,000 in improved lighting and 30 security cameras.

Summary

Facilities planning at Lane is a deliberate and comprehensive process that aligns with institutional priorities in a systematic way.