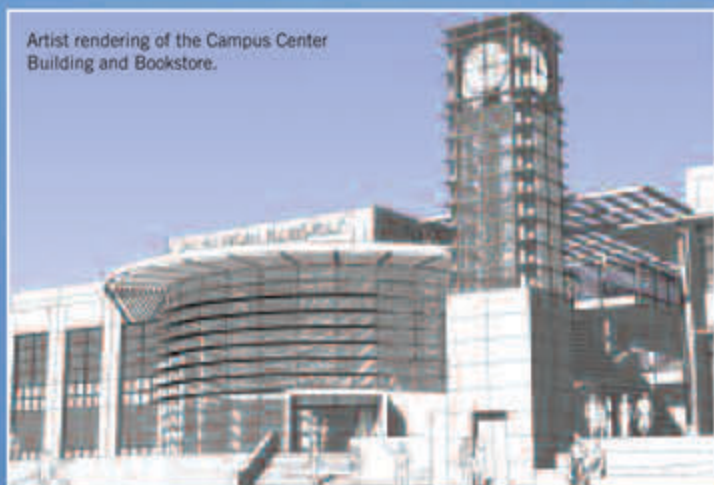


Report to the *Community*



Since March 2002, when the voters of the Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) approved Measure "P", a \$150,000,000 General Obligation Bond measure to fund facilities replacement and reconstruction and modernization of existing campus facilities, the college has been very busy planning for the projects to be completed.



Artist rendering of the Campus Center Building and Bookstore.

The first project, the 2,000-car Bonnie Avenue Parking Structure, has now been in operation for more than two years, and has greatly reduced the shortage of parking stalls on campus.

During the course of construction of the new garage, costs for both materials and labor increased tremendously, necessitating cost-cutting measures for the remaining projects. This required that the next project—the Industrial Technologies Building—be delayed somewhat in order to be sure that the building design was affordable. The building size was scaled-back, estimates were obtained, and then the building was fully designed and all drawings were completed.

This new building is expected to meet the needs of the college for many years to come. It will house such diverse programs as Building Construction Technology, Electricity, Electronics, Drafting, Welding, Automotive Technology, and the Machine Shop. This two-story structure will be located on the western side of the campus, on a site partially occupied by the existing tennis courts.

The district decided to proceed simultaneously with the design of the next phase—the Campus Center/Bookstore project. Again, because of the cost increases, adjustments were made. Rather than replacing the existing Campus Center, it was decided to completely modernize and remodel the building in order to meet current and future needs. The existing Bookstore on the campus was deemed to be so functionally obsolete that the only option was to replace it.

Along with the Bookstore, the new building will house Campus Police and Student Business Services, while the remodeled Campus Center will house Associated Students, Student Affairs, Journalism, Food Services, a new home for Board of Trustees meetings, and various student and staff dining areas and lounges.

Because both the Industrial Technologies Building and the Campus Center/Bookstore are in the same section of the campus, it became possible to construct them at the

same time, thereby being able to create efficiencies that can further save costs. The building construction plans are now being reviewed by the Division of the State Architect. It is expected that they will be approved within the next few weeks, which will allow the bidding process to begin. The current schedule would allow demolition activities to start shortly after the end of the semester in mid-June, with construction starting soon after. The project is expected to take about a year and a half.

The last of the new buildings—the Arts Building—is now beginning the planning process. The architectural firm of AC Martin Partners was selected. They have been meeting with the faculty and staff of both the Performing & Communication Arts and the Visual Arts and Media Studies divisions in order to design a building that will bring much-needed upgrades to learning facilities that have been substandard for far too many years. Construction is expected to begin in 2009.

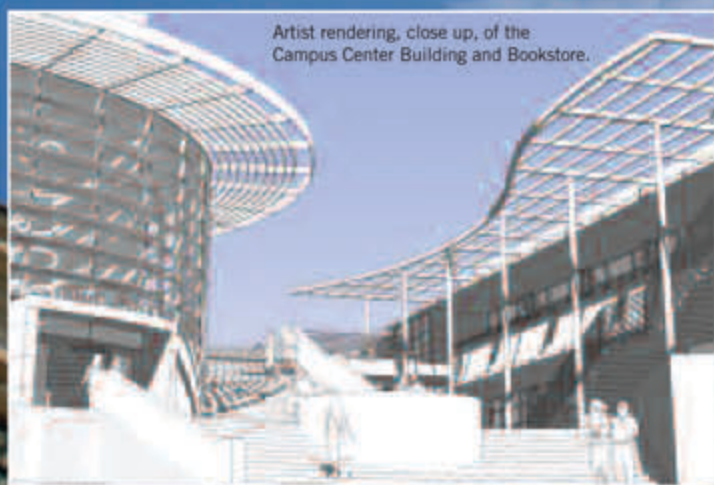
All of these activities have necessitated many departmental moves around the campus. Temporary facilities have been constructed and affected departments have begun the moving process. To date, Campus Police and Journalism have moved from the Campus Center, the Bookstore and Student Business Services have moved from the J Building, and the others will follow in the next few weeks.

Many of the smaller projects are also being planned at this time, including the addition of three new elevators, the wholesale upgrading of the older elevators across the campus, renovation of restrooms, classrooms, and laboratories, improvement on campus accessibility, lighting, and landscaping.

PCC is committed to continuing to be a center of learning that serves students in their desire to learn. Through forward thinking, the college will meet or exceed the expectations of its internal and external constituencies for decades to come. In the process, the concepts approved by the voters will become a reality.



Artist rendering, Quad view, of the Campus Center Building and Bookstore.



Artist rendering, close up, of the Campus Center Building and Bookstore.