AFT and Academic Senate Representation
Ms. Ornelas stated that despite the faculty representation on this committee, we did not actually have designated AFT faculty reps and Senate reps. The AFT contract calls for equal representation. J. Benavides volunteered to serve as an AFT rep and S. Morales-Guerra as a Senate rep. They could serve as a connection between the Facilities Committee and the AFT Chapter to enrich the development of the Firestone site. A. Ornelas pointed out that the members of this committee should be part of the user’s group process for the Firestone property.

Corporate Center Information
N. Rosenberg talked about the Corporate Center building located at 1055 Corporate Center Drive. The future home of Health and Sciences Career Center is a Measure J funded project. It includes a variety of departments Health Information Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Electron Microscopy, Nursing, First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician and Biotechnology. ELAC purchased the building a year ago in November and closed escrow. Along with the five-story building, we also acquired the parking structure, which accommodates about 379 cars. We will be ready to start construction first thing next year. They are working on getting the tenants out of the building.

The building on the outside will look the same but will be landscaped and will be made ADA compliant. The renovation will be in the interior. The second floor will be extended out to gain more square footage. The building will be enclosed because it is currently open by eliminating the bridge from the parking structure. This is about a two-year project. This is a silver-rated LEED building and will be a low-watering maintenance, energy efficient building.

A food court is not within the scope of the project. There will be a lot of specialized equipment including a mock hospital with nine beds. There will be 23 classrooms along with the labs. There will be no student services available at this site.

R. Martinez said that through the evolution of E-7, dealing with faculty they came up with standards for space, equipment. Part of the process is to face new challenges and changes as we originally planned due to growth positions. A. Immerblum added that the
Facilities Committee is a very important one. The Off-Site Committee needs to be informed about issues discussed at the Facilities Committee. A. Immerblum asked whether strategies for student centered learning discussed. N. Rosenberg answered by saying that Jacobs met with each instructor by going to their spaces.

S. Morales-Guerra noted that the groups in this building should realize that students are not only attending classes but will need information and drop off applications.

Firestone Educational Center – Nancy Rosenberg

We are on a tight schedule to vacate the current leased site in four years. We are not purchasing the HON property. We are 80% complete with the environmental and community master plan (not educational master plan). They are working with an architect who does master planning. He has consultants on traffic, sustainability who are looking at the structural integrity of the building and their historic value. Vice President Martinez added that right now we have 5,000 students at the South Gate Educational Center predominantly in the evenings. Looking at the environmental projections, there is room for growth and the growth has to happen gradually.

This will be built to accommodate up to 12,000 students and a parking structure will be built with 2,000 parking stalls. Currently they are leasing the front part of the building and we will continue to do that.

Phase 1 will be to take out Building 3 (four-story building) and 4. We are leaving Building 1 (with structural reinforcements) and Building 2. We will build a 132,000 sq. ft. facility. R. Martinez said that we would have to look at the departments that are already at South Gate. The general education program would have to duplicated but we don’t want to have the career tech programs compete with each other at South Gate and at the main campus.

We are under a tight timeline and within 3 weeks or less the users groups must meet. R. Martinez stated that the focus to organize those users groups was to take place in October. UPS is interested in leasing, the painters union is interested in some other kind of work, which would be a new program for us. She said her dream was to try new programs. It has been at East that the career tech programs are not limited to short term and both programs go line-in-line and give students the options for transfer.

D. Garcia suggested that we partner with colleges in China. They can help build out the facilities and there is a whole idea of creating dorms there. China is the future 20 years out for UPS or any other company interested. N. Rosenberg said they did talk about this and it was a great idea when we were to buy HON but no longer.

M. Mayoryk asked whether the parking structure at the Firestone property will be designed by the same company, which designed the parking structure at the main campus.

Administrative Services, Academic Affairs, Student Success, Workforce should be involved in addition to this committee. We are talking about two phases for this project. The deadline for the first phase would be 2014.
Update from Off-Site Locations
J. Benavides reported that they were down from 30 to 13 locations and from 132 classes to 54 compared to from a year and a half ago. They had done a rotating library of textbooks. The Outreach Department has been cut back also. They worked very hard at building relationships and the schools are very political. They wrote a couple of grants that’s how they got textbooks.

Dean A. Mullen sent a report regarding Rosemead. The location is still considered a swing space for ELAC. They have 14 classrooms, 2 kindergarten classrooms, 3 office spaces, ESL learning center. They have 20 non-credit and 27 credit courses. Their lease is up in 2013.

Dean A. Rios mentioned they have a partnership through the Gear Up Program. Maria Elena Yepes has helped them with the tutor training.

Items from the Floor
Maria Mayoryk mentioned that she had a meeting with JADE Family Services a mental health facility about half a mile from the South Gate Educational Center. She was working on setting up mental health services for South Gate students. We are going to pilot this counseling services.

Next Meeting
Friday, November 5, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.