



## President's Report to the Board of Trustees



July 31, 2017

**Following is a compendium of email reports to the Board for the month of July.  
Copies of confidential communications are available on request.**

1. Communication from attorney Sean Absher—confidential. 7/31/17
2. [Attached](#) is a report from Jill Dolan on last night's Walnut Task Force on Mt. SAC. Great insights into the underbelly of our opposition. 7/19/17
3. We have previously submitted to the City of Walnut our grading plans for the Temporary Parking Project (separate and distinct from the Stadium PE Project) which will move dirt from the west side of the stadium to the football practice field to provide temporary parking since Lot R is being used as a lay-down area for work on the stadium. City staff have indicated that our submission is complete and meets all the exemption requirements for the grading permit except a CEQA issue of the location being in a seismic zone for which they are requiring an independent review by a third party. We have provided information to the City that their own permit language does not state such a requirement and that the site has already had a geotech review.  
Over a week ago, I scheduled a lunch meeting with Rob Wishner for today, but he called and cancelled this morning. I am pressing his office to still have a conversation with him today. The points below are the topic--with the requested outcome being that Rob certify the grading permit. We would be willing to allow the matter to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 2nd. If the City persists that the grading plans require CEQA review, we will push back. Mike and I have a conference call with Sean at 8 am tomorrow to discuss that specific action. We will also discuss a request from the City and UWT to have another (fourth?) mediation session. 7/19/17
4. Attorney Sean Absher provided advice in preparation for my meeting with Rob Wishner—confidential. 7/19/17
5. Attorney Sean Absher provided advice regarding legally strengthening the Board action on Item #2 on the Board agenda—confidential. 7/13/17
6. [Attached](#) is an electronic copy of the letter from Barbara Leibold, attorney for the City of Walnut, in regard to the items on the agenda for this week's Board meeting. 7/13/17
7. [Attached](#) is a letter from Craig Sherman attorney for the United Walnut Taxpayers, a hard copy of which was shared with you prior to this week's Board meeting.

8. Expect a challenge to the Board's approval of the Physical Education Project contracts at tonight's meeting. [Attached](#) is the challenge received from Craig Sherman, attorney for the United Walnut Taxpayers. You will note that we are on solid ground in approving these contracts. Attorney Sean Absher provided response to Sherman—confidential. 7/12/17
9. [Attached](#) is the prequalification worksheet for Bali Construction. 7/12/17
10. Attorney Sean Asher has proved a summary of legal expenses on facilities related matters—confidential. 7/11/17
11. As trustees, you have most likely received the [attached message](#), but I figured I would pass this along in case you are not on the CCCT email distribution list.
12. The [attached](#) email from Gary Nellesen summarizes the staff research and findings on the matter of safety concerns with the bid award to Bali Construction. The legal opinion provides additional analysis and recommendations—confidential. 7/10/17
13. Gary Nellesen provided the [attached report](#) related to progress on the Initial Project EIR for the West Parcel Solar Project. This checklist is also online. 7/7/17  
[http://www.mtsac.edu/construction/reports-and-publications/pdf/wps/final\\_wps\\_checklist\\_2017-06-16\\_initial\\_study.pdf](http://www.mtsac.edu/construction/reports-and-publications/pdf/wps/final_wps_checklist_2017-06-16_initial_study.pdf)
14. Attorney Sean Absher provided an update on the Solar Project status conference held today—confidential. 7/6/17
15. Attorney Sean Absher provided information on United Walnut Taxpayers motion for attorney's fees—confidential. 7/6/17
16. [Attached](#) is a nice story to end the day: University of La Verne, spends more than a quarter of its operating budget—about \$47 million each year—on student financial support. 7/5/17
17. Attorney Sean Absher has provided an update on the City of Walnut challenge—confidential. All went as expected. By the way, we are still waiting for the City of Walnut to approve the grading for our temporary parking area on the current football practice field. We should hear either tomorrow or Monday. 7/5/15
18. It is my pleasure to announce that Dale Vickers will be recommended to the Board of Trustees as the next Chief Technology Officer. Dale has been the Deputy Chief Technology Officer for the last 18 years here at Mt. SAC and has been employed in IT related positions his entire career--now almost 30 years. Dale has a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Pepperdine University, a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems from Redlands University, and an Associate Degree in Electronics from Riverside City College. Please welcome Dale in his new position.