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CABRILLO COLLEGE

Campus renovation to go forward

Work on Building 8 to be finished by the time spring quarter starts

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APTOS — Work will begin next month to relocate the administrative services and student service programs at the Cabrillo College campus in Aptos ahead of a \$2 million renovation project on Building 8.

Once complete, the office of the president and vice president of instruction will be located at the student activity center west, while the administrative services office will move across Soquel Drive, according to Kristin Fabos, director of marketing and communications at Cabrillo College. The move is expected to take about a month to complete, she said, and should be wrapped up by the start of the spring quarter on Feb. 6.

Meanwhile, the Cabrillo College Governing Board unanimously voted at its meeting Monday to authorize a contract with San Jose-based RMW Architecture for design work on the renovations. When board member Gary Reece questioned how that company came to be chosen, he was told RMW was awarded the contract because the company was already familiar with the campus because of previous renovation projects.

Funding will come from a \$4.3 million grant the board received in October from the federal Department of Education. Those funds are meant to increase the number of Latino students in its so-called STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — by offering new programs and bulking up existing services.

Some of the funds from the five-year federal grant will also be used to pay for a summer program that highlights industries where STEM skills are needed, while other funds will go toward building a center that offers support for students enrolled in those programs.

In other business, Cabrillo's annual fact book, which includes infor-

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mation on the number of students not enrolled in the college, student demographics, crime statistics and other data, is now available online at <http://pro.cabrillo.edu/pro/factbook>. For example, the data shows that enrollment dropped about 700 students between 2010 and 2011, from 15,732 to 15,030.

The data also shows that in 2010, the student population was 29 percent Latino and 57 percent white, but by 2017, the Latino population is projected to rise to 36 percent while the white population is expected to fall to 49 percent. Craig Hayward, director of Cabrillo's planning and research office, said administrators use the data for program planning, grant applications and marketing.

In other action, Alan Smith was voted in as the

new board chair and Rachael Spencer as vice chair. They'll assume those new positions when the board next meets on Jan. 9.

Cabrillo's 2011-2012 general operating budget is \$54.7 million and, with a projected \$13 billion state deficit next year, the college is bracing for nearly \$6 million in cuts in 2012-13.

Monday's board meeting came the same day Gov. Jerry Brown announced plans to file a five-year ballot initiative in November to raise \$7 billion in new revenue. Those funds would be raised through a temporary, half-cent sales-tax hike and higher taxes on the wealthy would be dedicated to education and public safety.

"I am going directly to the voters because I don't want to get bogged down in partisan gridlock as happened this year," he wrote on his web site. "The stakes are too high."