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Taft College Student Center Construction Now Back on Track

Taft, CA – Construction on the new Student Center at Taft College is set to begin again. Today, at a special meeting, Taft College’s Board of Trustees approved the award of a new construction contract to Columbo Construction in the amount of \$16,265,234.

Construction came to a halt last year when the college terminated the previous contractor for repeated schedule delays and subpar work. The Student Center is being financed through construction bond Measure A which has been closely monitored since its passage in 2004 by a Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The remaining funds are coming from other District funding.

Upon completion of the project, Taft College students will have a brand new, state-of-the-art facility that houses food services, student activity offices, and meeting rooms.

ABOUT TAFT COLLEGE

Established in 1922, Taft College is one of the oldest California Community Colleges. Located in Western Kern County, Taft College provides continuous learning opportunities for over 12,000 students through more than 50 vocational and professional degrees, transfer programs, and certificates. These innovative programs are made available at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Proud to transform the lives of highly-diverse students and adult learners, Taft College delivers vital pathways to advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, Taft College was ranked 5th best Community College in California by Niche.com. In 2022, Taft College will celebrate its 100th anniversary of student success.