

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Physical Environment Committee  
20 November 2013  
Minutes

Present: Current, Earl Boehm, Fredlund, Heathcote, Kaganovich, Nelson, Rabinowitz, Smunt, Stoner, Surerus, Yeo, Wallick; *ex officio* Hurtado, S. Schmidt, Van Harpen  
Absent: Callanan, Durham, Kennedy, Sands, J. Schmidt, Trumbull-Holper, Wolf; *ex officio* King  
Guests: Colleen Murphy, Mike Marzian, Nelson Ogbuagu, Karen Bucks

I. *Call to Order.* The meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m.

II. *Approval of Agenda and Minutes*

A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted

B. Approval of Minutes of 16 October 2013. The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. *Old Business*

A. *Update on Campus Space Committee.* Karen Brucks presented information on the work of the Space Committee including:

- i. recently held open forums and working sessions intended to elicit collaborative ideas and participation on the use of campus space;
- ii. the additional meetings that will be held in December and January to further discuss interdisciplinary needs in spaces being developed specifically in the NWQ and newly created space in the SWQ;
- iii. the utilization of information from the academic planning sessions going on now and the incorporation of this material in the work of the Space Committee.

G. Hurtado provided information on the experience at UW System regarding support for building development and updating. He stated that approvals have slowed this year and the expectation is that this trend will continue. K. Brucks talked about the Classroom Scheduling Policy Committee and the planned meeting with Dennis Stecker and Seth Zlotocha. Additional discussion took place regarding inadequate laboratory space currently available (sometimes overbooked) and the need for more lab space.

B. *Update on 2015-17 Capital Budget and 6-year plan.* G Hurtado narrated a PowerPoint presentation showing the status of the six year plan for the capital budget. The presentation displayed the current and future projects (proposed). Similar to the information shared in item III. A. (above) there is uncertainty in the level of support from UW System for both existing and upcoming (proposed) projects.

C. *NWQ Graphics.* LeeAnn Garrison presented information on the work done by several students to improve the identification of various spaces within of the NWQ. Included in their recommendations: a color pallet intended to help distinguish

various floors and departments on the floors; designs created to separate space for different use; and color schemes to further identify space (e.g., study areas, social areas)

IV. *New Business*

A. *Transportation Subcommittee.*

- i. *Parking Budget.* Yevgeniya Kaganovich reported on the work of the Transportation Subcommittee. Nelson Ogbuagu presented the Power Point detailing the Parking and Transit budget for 14-15 (along with projections into 2017-18). Discussion took place regarding the short time for the full committee to review the document.  
*Moved and seconded to approve the parking budget forwarded by the Transportation Subcommittee. Motion approved 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention*
- ii. *Campus Transportation and Parking Study.* The committee will meet with the consultant and will report to the PEC in December.
- iii. *Parking Policy for vehicles displaying disable placards.* Alan Eisenberg met with the subcommittee to discuss his concerns about the lack of available parking for individuals with disabilities, for the out of the way location of many of the parking spots, and for the possibility of using the City of Milwaukee model for handicapped parking spots (free spots with placards or license plates). After discussion, the committee concluded that it would not be economically feasible to use the Milwaukee model.
- iv. *Maryland Avenue Repaving Project.* Mike Priem and Dennis Stecker are working with the city of Milwaukee on declaring a portion of Maryland Avenue between Hartford and Kenwood as a no parking block and creating bicycle lanes. The concern for the safety of pedestrians as well as traffic control are the main reasons for this plan.

B. *Campus Facility Naming Committee.*

- i. Proposal to name garden space outside Greene Museum. No report, the subcommittee did not meet quorum for its last meeting.

V. *Announcements/Other*

The February through May meetings of the PEC will be held in Lubar 440.

VI. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned at 10.10.