

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Physical Environment Committee  
17 October 2012  
Solar Decathlon Building

**Minutes**

**Present:** Boyland, Brondino, Callanan, Current, Dumitrescu, Kennedy, Ludwig, Pecor, Petersen, Rabinowitz, Schmidt, Stoner, Strickler, Surerus; *ex officio* Schuttey, Kuiper, Schmidt, Trumbull-Holper

**Absent:** Buss, Earl Boehm, Jeong, Miller, Wolf; *ex officio* King, van Harpen

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m.
  - a. Adoption of Agenda. The Agenda was approved as distributed.
  - b. Approval of 19 September Minutes. The Minutes were approved as distributed.
  
- II. Old Business
  - a. Appoint Naming Committee (LeRoy Stoner). The Facilities Naming Subcommittee membership was discussed and approved unanimously:
    - Harvey Rabinowitz and Jennifer Earl Boehm appointed to two year terms (Faculty)
    - Liam Callanan and Adrian Dumitrescu appointed for one year terms (Faculty)
    - Laurie Petersen appointed for two year term (Academic Staff)\*
    - Steven Kennedy appointed for one year term (Classified Staff)
    - Gard Pecor appointed for one year term (Student)
    - Ex officio membership to be determined

LeRoy Stoner provided a request for consideration by the subcommittee. Adrian Dumitrescu agreed to call the first meeting of the group.

- b. Revised PEC membership motion.

*Moved, seconded, and approved to amend the charter of the PEC to reflect majority membership of faculty. Vote was 13, 0, and 1.*
- c. Update on Construction Projects (Kurt Young Binter). Binter presented information on the status of a number of projects including the greenhouses on campus; the Children's Center outdoor areas and drop off space (now off-street to assure safety of children and motorists). He also updated the status on:

School of Freshwater Sciences. The building will be finished in spring.  
Zilber School of Public Health. The building is completed; the committee was encouraged to tour the facility.  
Kenwood Interdisciplinary Research Complex – Phase I. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on 24 October at 3pm.
- d. Update on Campus Space Committee (Karen Brucks & Geoff Hurtado). Brucks and Hurtado reported on the activities of the Space Planning Committee which has meetings

scheduled twice monthly. The committee's goals for the year will be to review the capital budget, continue to work on space guidelines, and review space requests and allocation plans. Planning studies for space utilization will be launched this year by the Space Planning Committee (SPC) and the PEC will be kept apprised of their development and results as soon as information is available. A question was raised on the utilization of classrooms. Hurtado responded that UWM is a leader among System campuses in intensive use of the available classrooms.

- e. Update on hiring a consultant for a Parking and Transportation Study (Nelson Ogbuagu).  
*Moved, seconded and approved unanimously to accept Scope of Services draft document (from the Transportation Subcommittee), that it be used in the RFP process, and that a member of the PEC be represented on the consultant selection committee.*

### III. New Business

Motion to approve RFP for hiring a consultant for a Parking and Transportation Study from Transportation Subcommittee). After discussion, moved to accept the draft document, please see II.e. above.

- IV. Update on the 2013-15 Capital Budget and 2015-17 Capital Budget timeline (Claude Schuttey). Schuttey presented an update of the capital budget: campus is working on 3 capital budgets simultaneously; finishing up the 2011-13 budget; working on the approval for 2013-15 (anticipated approval is July 2013) this includes \$30m for next phase of KIRC (the \$30m is part of the \$240m that has been discussed for the past several years); and working on the 2015-17 budget which includes a pre-enumerated project, the IRC buildings at the county grounds for \$75m. In addition, the 15-17 budget includes the category of "Facilities Maintenance" which refers to such things as code compliance and quality of spaces and finishes. Schuttey further explained that the Space Planning Committee has become more involved in capital budget planning with the intent of assuring transparency in decision making. Projects/requests are being evaluated based on campus "themes and issues" which allows a more "organic" approach to project prioritizing.

### V. Other

PEC Meeting Locations. After discussion it was agreed that PEC meetings will continue to be held on campus and a tour of SPH, SFS and other locations would be organized by Claude Schuttey's office.

- VI. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.