

**Physical Environment Committee
21 December 2011
Regents Room, Chapman Hall
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Minutes

Present: Current, Earl-Boehm, Fendrich, Horowitz, Padway, Petersen, Rabinowitz, Schuck, Stoner, Strickler, Surerus, Wolf; *ex officio* King, Schmidt, Schuttey

Absent: Bradbury, Ebersole, Emmons, Hanlon, Jen

- I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m.
- II. Approval of 16 November 2011 Minutes. Minutes of 16 November were approved as submitted. Agenda amended to include *IV. B.v (item under Old Business)*.
- III. Update on Committees
 - A. Space Planning (Phyllis King, Geoffrey Hurtado). Hurtado discussed activities of the Space Planning Committee which has received requests and contemplated moves to the NWQ. Bolton Hall surge space moves have taken place. King stated that the committee was hoping to conduct a pre-design phase regarding NWQ this coming year. The PEC was reminded that the Space Committee Website was a good source of information regarding the status of its work.
 - B. Report from the Naming Committee (Chair, Kristine Surerus). Nothing to report.
 - C. Transportation Subcommittee (Jennifer Earle-Boehm). Please see below, IV. A.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Parking and Transit Report and Approval of 2011-2012 Budget.
 - Schuttey reminded the committee of a change in student government within the past two weeks which also affected the membership of the SA Segregated Fee Financial Committee. This committee approves Segregated Fees and at the last meeting placed a hold on the approval for the segregated fee portion of the UPASS, UPARK, the NWQ, and the plan for the 420 spaces in the Pavilion. The new SA will discuss these items again at their first meeting of Semester II, which will be held on 29 January. The original segregated fee amount discussed for the Pavilion was \$30; this has now been decreased to \$26. This lower amount more accurately reflects the projected actual cost to operate the 420 parking spaces for student use that is under *discussion*, per Schuttey.
 - Ogbuagu reviewed the proposed Parking Transportation Budget beginning with narrative on p. 4 (budget document attached). It contains a recommendation to fund the NWQ free-to-students parking facility entirely through student

segregated fees. Students would be paying \$21.60 in segregated fees toward this parking structure, up from \$15.10.

- Ogbuagu responded to a question raised at the December meeting regarding parking revenues and the concern that the rest of the campus was providing a subsidy for the NWQ free parking option for students with increased rates to faculty and staff and that free parking was having a negative impact on P/T budget. Using information through October for fiscal 11-12, he reported that there is a deficit of \$168K in the Parking and Transit Budget. This is the result of the following:

Reductions in revenue

Gate Receipts	(\$39,756)
Parking permits	(\$86,230)
Paystation	(\$86,182)
Miscellaneous	(\$1,729)

Increase in revenue

Citations	\$23,235
In car meters	\$19,204

- Ogbuagu indicated that the deficit could be repaired with the proposed budget which includes rate increases for faculty and staff and segregated fees. In addition, if the Pavilion plan is approved by the SA on 29 January, the anticipated income from the new segregated fees is \$1.1m. Question was posed whether parking rates would go down in the future as the result of this proposed budget. Ogbuagu stated that any money left after erasing the deficits would be used first to provide maintenance for structures (Union, EMS). After that, the question of lowering parking rates for faculty and staff could be discussed. Further discussion took place on a variety of parking related topics including: the losses to the general parking and transit fund as described above ; the continuing debt service amount despite substantial historical parking rate increases; the impact of higher parking fees vs. free parking in select areas; the coming pressure of more students on campus with the implementation of first year students “on campus rule;” and changes in transportation modes for faculty, staff, and students.

Moved and seconded to approve parking rates at the 2011-12 rates and to request segregated fee for UPark Lot. Motion failed 3 yes, 5 no, 3 abstentions.

Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to table the motion from the Transportation subcommittee on the Parking and Transit Budget.

Moved from the Subcommittee and unanimously approved was a motion that the committee urges campus administrators to activate a special transportation committee composed of transportation professionals and campus constituents to

study UWM's transportation and parking issues and develop long term recommendations, policies, and goals.

- B. Update on the \$240M Initiative (Claude Schuttey)
 - i. School of Public Health and Signage. Schuttey reported that the SPH will be occupied on 1 July.
 - ii. School of Freshwater Sciences. The project is in the final phases of the design process and will then be sent out for bidding in early 2012; construction will begin late spring 2012 with a one and one half year construction timeline.
 - iii. Kenwood Interdisciplinary Research Complex – a few slowdowns due to relocation of the greenhouses (greenhouse will go to roof of NWQ); we are still in the early stages of the KIRC (known as the 10% phase); the second phase (known as the 35% phase) will take place when the BOR comes to UWM in June.
 - iv. Northwest Quadrant (NWQ). More information will be available for the February meeting.
 - v. Arena Project. Schuttey responded to a question brought up at the December meeting regarding the status of the Athletic Arena: a consultant (HGA) has been contracted for the predesign; the locations (site) as well as the cost are being discussed; and additional information will be available at the February meeting with possible representative from HGA in attendance. In addition, to help determine the fundraising potential for this project, the development office has hired a consultant. This will also be on the agenda for February.

V. New Business.

Harvey Rabinowitz suggested that the committee establish a subcommittee to develop design guidelines for buildings at the Wauwatosa site.

VI. Other. None.

VII. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.