

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Physical Environment Committee
16 October 2013
Chapman Hall Regents Room

MINUTES

- Present: Current, Earl Boehm, Durham, Fredlund, Heathcote, Nelson, Kaganovich, Rabinowitz, Smunt, Stoner, Surerus, Yeo; *ex officio* Hurtado, King,
- Absent: Callanan, Kennedy, Trumbull-Holper, Sands, J. Schmidt, Wolf; *ex officio* S. Schmidt, Van Harpen
- Guests: M. Priem (Campus Planning), C. Murphy (University Safety & Assurances), J. Murray (LGBT Resource Center), N. Ogbuagu (Parking & Transit), J. Salzer (Accessibility Resource Center), D. Stecker (Campus Planning),

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.
 - B. Approval of Minutes of 18 September 2013. The minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. New Business
 - A. Appointment to subcommittee. Membership of the Campus Facility Naming Subcommittee had been finalized at the last meeting. A meeting will be of the subcommittee will be coordinated soon to address item III. B below.
 - B. Naming an outdoor garden space near Greene Museum. See III. A. above.
 - C. ADA Universal Design. Jean Salzer discussed the principles of Universal Design and how the concept goes beyond compliance and benefits everyone with a more flexible use of campus space. The committee agreed that these principles will be kept in mind in all discussions of space development and use on campus. Compliance and safety topics were also discussed for those with mobility or physical restrictions. T. Smunt requested improved signage for fire evacuations for those with mobility concerns and for better training of designated building captains on how to assist those in need during difficult or

crisis situations. Geoff Hurtado and Colleen Murphy will follow up on the costs of sign changes and will review training materials for building captains.

- D. Update on Inclusive Facilities. Dennis Stecker presented information on the inclusive facilities restroom signs that have been approved. A list of inclusive restrooms is provided as an attachment to these minutes (also available at: <https://www4.uwm.edu/secu/faculty/standing/pec/> under Minutes and Handouts); additional buildings are being considered for approval by Facilities Services.

IV. Old Business

- A. Report on Little Free Libraries. LeRoy Stoner reported on two Little Free Libraries designed by UWM Architecture Students that have been set up on campus: one in front of the Children's Center and the second one in front of the Maryland Avenue entry to Sandburg Dorms. They can be viewed on line at: <http://www5.uwm.edu/news/2013/08/12/two-miniature-libraries-added-to-campus/#.U1LfjySkrEQ>
- B. Update on the Transportation Study. LeRoy Stoner reported that Parking consultant Nelson Nygaard, who was introduced to the PEC at the September meeting, will be initiating a needs survey on campus in November 2013. The Transportation Subcommittee will meet with Nygaard and report to the PEC on the discussion at the December meeting.
- C. Update on Campus Space Committee. Geoff Hurtado reported on the activities of the committee which continues with its review of space planning needs. Additional information on the committee's activities may be found at: http://www4.uwm.edu/acad_aff/planningbudget/space/spc/index.cfm
- D. Update on Construction and Planning Projects at UWM. Geoff Hurtado provided an update on our Capital Projects; future reports regarding the status of campus projects will be provided on a quarterly basis.

V. Announcements/Other. None.

VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.