

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Physical Environment Committee
18 April 2012
Regents Room
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Minutes

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

Absent: Banks, Fendrich, Grow, Hanlon, Jen; *ex officio* Brown, Kuiper, Ritchie-Kohlberg

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

II. Approval of Agenda and the 14 March 2012 Minutes

- A. Agenda was approved as submitted
- B. Minutes of 14 March 2012 were approved as submitted.

III. Update on Committees

- A. Space Planning (Phyllis King). Phyllis King presented information on the current activities of the committee. Most recently expansion requests for Africology and CIE have been discussed. The Committee is developing guidelines for space planning requests that will be distributed shortly. Question was asked regarding the Wauwatosa site and whether a Master Plan will be prepared for the development of the property and what funding source was being used. Schuttey responded in detail about the plans for the site. The Real Estate Foundation also has a Master Plan available that was developed by HGA when the project site discussion began. The BOR also knows of and has approved the site's development. It was suggested that the campus have a package of promotional material available to give to the media to assure accurate information is reported about current and future projects/ plans.
- B. Transportation Subcommittee (Jennifer Earle-Boehm/ LeRoy Stoner). The Student Association voted to allocate an additional \$6.50 for the 200 spaces of the lowest two levels in the Pavilion. This represents the second of two agreements with the SA regarding segregated fees for parking: the first was for the structure at the NWQ, the second is the Pavilion agreement. All segregated fees for parking are reviewed for re-approval each year.
- C. UW-Milwaukee Northwest Quadrant Redevelopment Committee Update. Sarine Schmidt will check with the Dean of Students Tom McGinnity on the status of continuing student member of the PEC and the NWQ Redevelopment Committee.

IV. Old Business

- A. Update on leases: Pittsburgh Building and Zilber School of Public Health. Claude Schuttey reviewed the leasing the Pittsburgh Street property and detailed the current plans for the building (Water Accelerator Building); this lease is at the SBC for approval

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(18 April 2012). He also provided an update on the continued activity at the Zilber building which will be occupied in July 2012.

- B. Convocation Center (Michael Laliberte). Michael LaLiberte provided an update on the plans for the Convocation Center (formerly the Sports Arena) including an explanation of the process for changing it from the original plan for use to the multi-use facility now being discussed. All parts of the project are now on hold until the campus receives approval to use the originally allocated \$25/student segregated fee for the revised building plan (this original fee was identified for a basketball practice and game structure). LaLiberte pointed out that the building will have fund raising/naming potential.
- C. Update on the Student Union and segregated fees (Michael Laliberte). Michael LaLiberte presented information on the plans and referendum on the Student Union. Present market value of the building is \$90m; upgrading the building was determined to be very costly. Students recently voted to support a new union building; payment for a new structure would include segregated fees as well as donations and discussions are underway for developing a financial plan to support the building of a new structure including segregated fees, and fund raising/naming opportunities.

V. *New Business*

- A. Overview of UWM Wi-Fi, discussion of expansion including work to be done, tentative timelines, impact on the community, and the communication plan (Paula Brossard, Jeff Lange, Wendy Luljak). Jeff Lange and Wendy Luljak presented information on improvements to WiFi service on campus. Bolton Hall, Lubar Hall, Lapham Hall and the EMS building are the first four buildings that will have upgrades to be completed by August 2012. These buildings were chosen because of the high use and large classroom size. Improvements include the ability of visitors to log on to our wireless access. Funding for the other 40 campus buildings is anticipated, but it is unknown when these other buildings will have upgraded service.

VI. *Other*

- A. Information regarding proposed new bike racks on Maryland Ave (Eric Edwards) Union Adventure Center Ubike. Documents were presented By Meghan O'Brien that show plans to bring bicycle parking to Maryland Avenue outside of the SARUP building. Bike racks are needed to ensure that bicycles are safely secured. Kyle Schultz is working with the city of Milwaukee to arrange required permits as the racks will be on city property.

- VII. ***Adjournment.*** The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.