

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Physical Environment Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Lubar N440

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present:, Ancil, Arvinen-Barrow, Duce, Fitzenberger, Fredlund, Genzmer, Heathcote, Lipinski, Nelson, Silvaggi, Smith, Stoner, Wiseman;
ex officio Arnold, Hurtado, Surerus.

Absent: Abler, Allen, Dunn, Holper, Kennedy, Petering, Wallick;
ex officio Scrivener, Van Harpen.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - a. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.
 - b. Approval of the February 15, 2017 Minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Plantings South Side of Enderis. Claude Schuttey presented. The presentation can be found at the following link: <http://uwm.edu/secu/wp-content/uploads/sites/122/2016/11/Enderis-Planting-Slide.pdf>
A flowerbed always existed in this area. This is a trend at universities across the country. The flowers are currently being raised at the greenhouse. The flowerbed will be on a slope so that it will be visible from the road.

Discussion took place on the flowerbed's frame. A temporary frame will be used this year. A permanent frame may be installed in the future.

Additional discussion took place on the lack of ivy between the buildings at Kenilworth Square. Geoff Hurtado will look into this.
 - b. Smoking Zone. LeRoy Stoner presented. The PEC recommended that the campus go smoke free. A majority of the Student Association (SA) prefers to not completely ban smoking on campus. They would like to know the cost for shelters. The cost is estimated to be around \$9000 per shelter. The SA has yet to meet to discuss the cost.
 - c. Sustainability Update: Greenfield Avenue and Other Projects. Professor Jim Wasley presented. The presentation can be found at the following link: <http://uwm.edu/secu/wp-content/uploads/sites/122/2016/11/Sustainability-Update-4-19-17.pdf>

Discussion took place on ADA compliance and storm water management. Also discussed was the possibility of incorporating green roof spaces. The original green roof at SFS still exists; however, funding is currently unavailable for additional green roof spaces.

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IV. New Business

- a. UWM Veterans Memorial. Jayne Holland, co-director of MAVRC; Jeff Haumersen, veteran graduate student at UWM; and Mark Steigerwald, Dahlman Construction Co. presented. The presentation can be found at the following link: <http://uwm.edu/secu/wp-content/uploads/sites/122/2016/11/UWM-VETERANS-MEMORIAL.pdf>

The purchase of pavers, sections, and benches will fund the project. No university money will be used. Discussion took place on how to connect the memorial to UWM. An inscription including veteran numbers and other information was suggested. The goal is to have the memorial ready by Memorial Day 2018. Lighting will include LED lighting that will shine down on the memorial as well as two uplights on each flag.

Additional discussion took place regarding the need to have ownership of the design in writing and to establish an approval process for engraving. Snow removal and accessibility were also discussed.

MOTION: to approve the UWM Veterans Memorial. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The committee requests that another presentation be made closer to installation to address questions.

V. Reports

- a. Update on Campus Space Committee. The committee gave their time on the agenda to a report on the arts complex fire.

LeRoy Stoner presented. The fire took place on April 8th in the machine shop. The last work call of the day ended at 3pm. Students who were working in the sculpture shop raised the alarm. The flames melted the domes of the sky lights which indicates that they reached 25-30 feet high. There was an abundance of styrofoam and lumber in the shop. The cause of the fire was accidental. All three buildings in the arts complex are interconnected. Water and smoke damage was significant. Damage was least significant in the Music building. The Art building is on its way to occupancy with most of its damage contained in the basement. The Theatre building sustained the most damage and has no occupancy. The lobby is a critical priority, particularly for student advising. Restoration and remediation began right away. Investigating the damage is an ongoing process. The stage elevators and machinery are a big issue. Class cancellations have been necessary. Many classes are being taught in Mitchell hall. Campus and Facilities Services have been very supportive. The hope is to have the stage ready by September. Geoff Hurtado stated that it will likely be sooner.

Discussion took place on insurance coverage. The building is self-insured to \$3 million. Other sources of funding for additional expenses include all agency money and fundraising. The room currently has no name; however, fundraising is also underway for the sixth floor of Kenilworth.

Additional discussion took place on whether this could have been prevented. The building was built in 1968. There were no sprinklers in the shop where the fire originated. It is possible that updated systems could have prevented the fire but it is not definite. Also noted was the difficulty fire trucks had getting to the buildings through campus.

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Zack Steuerwald reported that University Safety & Assurances will be working with the Milwaukee Fire Department. This will include tours of the buildings. He also announced that fire safety trainings are available. More information can be found at: <http://uwm.edu/safety-health/fire/>

VI. Announcements/Other

- a. Geoff Hurtado reported that Facilities is having difficulty finding a site for the requested raspberry thicket. The area south of the new Engelmann field concession was suggested.
- b. Kate Nelson announced that UWM received an orchard award from the Victory Garden Initiative.
- c. Zack Steuerwald announced new signs for icy areas on campus.
- d. The Chancellor will be invited to the May PEC meeting.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.

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