

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Physical Environment Committee
16 September 2015
SARUP 191
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
MINUTES

Present: Duce, Genzmer, Fitzenberger, Fredlund, Heathcote, Huddleston, Nelson, Smith, Stoner, Wallick, Wiseman, Zafra; *ex officio* Schmidt, Schuttey, Surerus

Absent: Guilbault, Kennedy, Lundeen; *ex officio* Hurtado, Van Harpen

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8.30.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved with the addition of IV. D. and E.
 - B. Approval of Minutes of 20 May 2015. The minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Old Business. None
- IV. New Business
 - A. Introduction of new members. Introduction of all members took place. Four new members remain to be appointed: one faculty member representing the APBC, one faculty member representing the Graduate Faculty Council, two students as appointed by the Student Association.
 - B. Election of PEC Chair.

Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that LeRoy Stoner would chair the committee for the 2015-16 committee year.
 - C. Appointments to Subcommittees
 - i. Transportation Subcommittee.
 1. Faculty appointments were approved as follows:
 - Glen Fredlund for a one year appointment
 - Wendy Huddleston for a two year appointment
 - Roger Smith for a 1 year appointment
 - Erica Young for a 1 year appointment
 2. One Student needs to be appointed as do the *ex officio* members; this was deferred until the next meeting.
 - ii. Facility Naming Subcommittee
 1. Faculty appointments were approved as follows:
 - David Heathcote for a one year term
 - Karl Wallick for a two year term
 - APBC representative to the committee for a two year term
 2. One Student needs to be appointed as do the *ex officio* members; this was deferred until the next meeting.

*Moved and seconded to approve the slate of the Sub-Committee members.
Unanimous approval.*

- D. CON Gift. Gretchen Miller presented information on a potential donation that would include naming a debriefing room in the College. The Campus Facilities Naming Subcommittee will take up the confidential request as soon as possible so as to accommodate the desire of the College to announce the anticipated gift and naming in early October.
- E. Panther Statue. Adrienne Bass presented an update on the location of the Panther statue. Discussion took place on the locations previously considered but which were not acceptable as permanent spots for a variety of reasons (e.g., restricted area, limited access to utilities).

Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to endorse the location of the statue as presented near Chapman Hall.

Schuttey pointed out that the entire project was supported by non-state dollars; in addition to donated materials and services, fundraising from alumni and alumni partners made this project possible.

V. Reports

A. Update on Space Planning.

- i. Kristene Surerus reported that the “Holton surge” departments have returned to Holton Hall; the last surge department in NWQ, Women’s Studies, will move into Curtin Hall in December; and Physics is now moving into the KIRC.

B. Capital Budget Update. Claude Schuttey reported on:

- i. KIRC. The KIRC grand opening is taking place on 2 October from 10am-1pm. This is the last of the large projects coming from the \$240 million Milwaukee Initiative that included the Zilber School of Public Health and the School of Freshwater Sciences.
- ii. The Capital Budget for 15-17 has one project, the Lubar Center for Entrepreneurship. A PEC member will be needed for the building committee (please see item G. below).
- iii. Capital Budget for 17-19. A kickoff meeting with UW System was held last week; no commitments were made and there is the expectation that future budget allocations will not be good as in previous years.
- iv. Classroom projects. Detailed updates on classroom renovations/upgrades will be provided at the regularly scheduled report time. UWM has benefited from funding to improve classrooms; examples of current projects are in Bolton, Cunningham, and Mitchell Halls. The “Happy- go-luckies” have been installed. **The building art program is no longer in effect, additional art will need to be donated.**
- v. A question was posed on how to provide input into capital budget requests. Schuttey responded that the mechanism for faculty input in making and prioritizing requests is the PEC and through the Deans of the schools and colleges. He also noted that the Chair of the PEC is a member of the Space Planning Committee which influences decisions regarding space use.

- C. Electronic Cigarette Smoking Policy. LeRoy Stoner reported on a conversation with Legal Affairs about the use of electronic cigarettes. Joely Urdan said that the State of Wisconsin rules regarding smoking do not appear to include eCigarettes; if UWM wants to address this topic, the PEC should review the campus smoking policy and include electronic cigarettes in its restrictions. Stoner also noted that there was some effort at establishing a smoke-free campus several years ago, but that effort is not currently active.

PEC member Wendy Huddleston volunteered to investigate vaping/eCigarettes policies at other institutions and specific buildings on campus (Student Housing e.g.).

- D. Parking and Transit Update. Glen Fredlund, Chair, Parking Transportation Subcommittee, reported that the campus appears to be adjusting to changes in parking options. Mike Priem and Prasana Nanda provided a detailed report on these changes (document attached).
- E. Bublr Bike Update. Kate Nelson presented information on the Bublr Bike Share program. Discussion with Bublr has taken place over two years, the student association decided through a series of arrangements to allot \$300K to the Bublr program. There are six stations at UWM and multiple stations around the city. Bublr is exclusively responsible for maintaining the bicycle stations. The program is not restricted to students, faculty and staff may also participate for a small fee.
- F. Center for Entrepreneurship and Welcome Center. Information was presented by Brian Thompson and Karen Wolfert (document attached). LeRoy Stoner called for volunteers for this projects Building Committee; Karl Wallick volunteered as the PEC on this committee.
- G. Inclusive Facilities Update, LGBT. The annual report was presented by Karen Wolfert (document attached).

VI. Announcements/Other. None.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10.20

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