

# University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

## Physical Environment Committee

Wednesday, 11 May 2016

Lubar S185

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

**Present:** Duce, Fredlund, Genzmer, Heathcote, Kennedy, Nelson, Smith, Stoner, Wiseman, Young, Zafra, Sorenson; *ex officio* Hurtado, Schmidt, Surerus, Van Harpen

**Absent:** Fitzenberger, Florsheim, Huddleston, Lundeen, Tabatabai, Wallick

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - a. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.
  - b. Approval of 9 March 2016 Minutes. The fabulous minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Update on Capital Budget Priorities. Chancellor Mone presented on the 2017-19 and 2019-23 Capital Budget requests. The handout is available at:  
<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/faculty/standing/pec/agendas/15-16/upload/Capital-Budget-Handout-PEC-5-11-16.pdf>.

Discussion ensued on the Basketball Practice Facility. Every year the cost for the facility goes up and the possibility of losing donors increases. Basketball is key to improve campus visibility, and increase enrollments and endowments. The facility will be located in the area east of Klotsche where the parking lot currently sits.

The committee also discussed funding priorities. The total request for 2017-19 is \$101.38 million. Last biennium, the total request for the entire UW-System was around \$300 million. UWM received \$56 million. At this time, the NWQ and Chemistry are high priorities.

Chancellor Mone reported that the Welcome Center is moving forward, with the goal to break ground in spring of 2017.

- IV. Old Business
  - a. None

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## V. New Business

- a. PEC Naming Committee (Karl Wallick). The Facilities Naming Subcommittee brought an action to the PEC. Discussion was held in closed session (please see notation in V. Closed Session below).

*Motion: to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee. Motion seconded and approved.*

- b. NWQ Brew Garden Design - Student Work. Presentation by Kate Nelson and Professor Cynthia Anderson on the student designed plans for a brew garden in the area west of the Honors College.

Discussion took place regarding the growth of hops, accessibility within the garden, and invasion of plants to other areas. The committee also discussed competing plans for the space. Plans to move the project forward will include the development of a predesign.

*Motion: the committee supports the concept and ideas presented. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.*

- c. Environmentalism through Art-Outdoor Exhibit. Presentation by Kate Nelson and Graduate Student Pamela Hugdahl on the Fall 2016 campus-wide outdoor art exhibit and walking tour entitled ECO Ephemeral. The handout is available at:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/faculty/standing/pec/agendas/15-16/upload/ECO-Ephemeral-Handout-PEC-5-11-16.pdf>. The committee discussed the accessibility of the exhibit.

*Motion: to extend the meeting time by twenty (20) minutes. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.*

- d. Student Association (SA) Smoking Policy. SA President Mike Sportiello presented the policy, which can be found at: <http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/faculty/standing/pec/agendas/15-16/upload/Campus-Smoking-Policy-Legislation.pdf>. The policy aims to limit the ability to smoke in high traffic areas. LeRoy Stoner is in the process of investigating designated smoking areas. Also, following the addition of “vaping” to UW-Madison’s smoking policy, Stoner plans to develop a revised UWM smoking policy in the fall. Sportiello will bring the issue of “vaping” to the SA.

The committee discussed a complete smoking ban on campus. Because such a ban would likely bring smokers onto their land, it was suggested that the Neighborhood Association would strongly object to a smoke-free policy. Sportiello stated that a complete smoking ban would not have passed through SA.

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Discussion took place on the cost of implementation and education. The following resources were suggested: Spark initiative, Norris Health Center, and Campus Planning for signage.

*Motion: to gather a taskforce to be active in the fall tasked with looking into implementation and enforcement of the smoking policy. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.*

- VI. Closed session per Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1) (e). *The committee moved into closed session per Wisc. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) by unanimous vote at 8:42 a.m.. The committee rose from closed session at 8:54 a.m.*
- VII. Reports
- a. Smoking Policy. LeRoy Stoner will bring UWM's smoking policy in line with UW-Madison's regarding vaping.
  - b. Campus Space Committee. Geoff Hurtado reported that CIE and two other centers have been relocated to the NWQ and University Relations & Communications will move into Physics. Space has been reserved for the Pathways program.
  - c. Parking and Transit Subcommittee Update. Glen Fredlund reported that the Nelson Nygaard Campus Transportation and Parking Study is in the implementation stage. Discussion ensued regarding ridership on campus shuttles. Ridership restrictions will be lifted July 1.
- VIII. Announcements/Other
- a. LeRoy Stoner and Claude Schutte recognized Sarine Schmidt for her work on the PEC and thanked her for her service.  
*Motion: to honor Sarine Schmidt and her service to the university and the PEC. Motion seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.*
  - b. Stoner recognized student representative Ryan Sorenson for his work on the committee and commitment to UWM.
  - c. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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