

*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*  
Physical Environment Committee  
**MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Lubar N440, 8:30 a.m.

**Present:** Duce, Fredlund, Genzmer, Heathcote, *ex officio* Howard, Huddleston, *ex officio* Hurtado, Kennedy, Klump, Nelson, Petering, Rodriguez, Schadewald, Scrivener, Silvaggi, Stoner, Surerus, Wallick, Wiseman, Van Harpen

**Guests:** P. Mattox, G. Miller, M. Mone, J. Olson, M. Priem, C. Schuttey, K. Wolfert

- I. *Call to Order.* D. Heathcote called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m.
  
- II. *Approval of Agenda and Minutes.*
  - A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.
  - B. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.
  
- III. *New Business.*
  - A. Introduction of new members. Introduction of members and guests took place.
  - B. Election of PEC Chair. L.Stoner presided over this portion of the meeting. *D. Heathcote was elected chair unanimously by voice vote.*
  - C. Appointments to Subcommittees.
    - i. Transportation Subcommittee- After G. Fredlund provided information about the subcommittee's functions, D. Schadewald, W. Huddleston, and N. Silvaggi volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.
    - ii. Campus Facility Naming Subcommittee- D. Genzmer, S. Kennedy, A. Wiseman, and K. Wallick volunteered serve on the subcommittee.
  - M. Petering moved and L. Stoner seconded to appoint the above listed to the subcommittees. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- D. Update on the Capital Budget - Chancellor Mone and R. Van Harpen provided an update on the capital budget and an analysis of all campus building projects. [the union is not a capital budget project since it is paid by student and not state fees] A major project request of \$129M for the renovation of the UWM Student Union, which was built over 30 years ago, was not approved. UWM is the only UW System institution that hasn't had a renovation of its student union even though it is the largest union in the UWS and has the highest number of visitors each day. UWM's union also provides unique services including those for veterans, international and first generation students. Previous plans have been

modified to reduce the cost. Since building costs must come from student segregated fees, there are discussions with students about how to restructure their fees in order to minimize new costs to them. Ultimately, they must vote to approve the funding plan. Our request for \$7M for repair of the current Chemistry building was not approved. This is needed to address severe safety issues in the building. Chancellor Mone noted that this is essential until we are able to build a new Chemistry building, which is the top academic building priority on campus. Current discussion involves a joint proposal for all science buildings within UWS. UWM also requested EMS Repair/Renovation \$11.38 (unfunded) IT infrastructure \$5M (unfunded). The basketball practice facility was removed and we are looking at a smaller project that doesn't require bonding. The Innovation Campus project did not receive approval from Joint Finance Committee of the State legislature. They want to see support from key external partners. The NWQ Renovation project amount of \$69M was reduced to \$52M but we realistically need \$250M to complete it. Discussions are under way on how to best utilize the funds we did get to maximally utilize the space. A. Wiseman asked about the Wauwatosa Innovation Campus and Mone stated that is no longer included in the capital budget requests.

- E. PEC Naming Committee (Karl Wallick) Closed Session per *Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e)*. It was moved and seconded to move into closed session to consider a naming proposal. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote at 8:42 a.m. K. Wallick moved and M. Petering seconded approving the naming as proposed. Motion passed unanimously. The committee reconvened in open session at 8:49 a.m.
- IV. *Unfinished Business*. None.
- V. *Reports*.
  - A. Update on Campus Space Committee (CSC) – G. Hurtado and K. Surerus provided information about the remodel of NWQ. K. Surerus requested a PEC rep (preferably the chair) to serve on the Campus Space Planning Committee. D. Heathcote agreed to serve as the PEC rep for 2017-18.
- VI. *Announcements/Other*
  - A. K. Wolfert reported that bids for the Lubar Welcome and Entrepreneurship Center will be received in early November and groundbreaking will occur in December 2017 or January 2018.
  - B. NWQ planning committee –W. Huddleston will serve as PEC rep.
  - C. The Englemann shed for the Athletic Department has been made into a State project because of its cost.
  - D. Status of Campus Smoking Policy- There has been no additional communication after PEC forwarded its recommendation for a smoke-free campus. T. Howard will follow up with the Student Association.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.