

*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*  
**Physical Environment Committee**  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
Lubar N440, 8:30 AM  
**MINUTES**

Present: R. Badger, K. Duce, G. Fredlund, D. Genzmer, K. Hartman, D. Heathcote, *ex officio* T. Howard, *ex officio* G. Hurtado, S. Kennedy, J. Rodriguez, D. Schadewald, N. Silvaggi, L. Stoner, K. Surerus, K. Wallick, A. Wiseman  
Guests: J. LeMire, M. Priem, C. Schuttey, Z. Steuerwald, B. Switala, K. Wolfert

I. *Call to Order.* D. Heathcote called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. *Approval of Agenda and Minutes.*

- A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as amended. The order of items to allow report by K. Wolfert first.
- B. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were approved as amended. (Remove Wauwatosa Innovation Campus from Capital Budget request and add R. Van Harpen as presenting under New Business, Item D.)

III. *New Business.*

- A. PSOA Fire “What we learned”- L. Stoner and Z. Steuerwald presented a report that was presented to the Chancellor’s Cabinet in August. The fire damage resulted in a \$5.5 million restoration/renovation claim. The last two weeks of classes and 1,900 students were affected by the fire.

In November 2017, the Theater Auditorium interior will be restored. The stage rigging and lighting completed by the end of year and hope to finish all renovations by end of January 2018. All surfaces and lighting in Art Building were replaced. The insurance company is reluctant to include dollars to make the Theater ADA compliant since it was code compliant when it was built. Unless it is required, which insurance won’t say it is, they won’t support making it ADA compliant.

Issues that will not be resolved by insurance claim include theater spaces not built to current code, weakness in fire alarm system, lack of fire/smoke separation in hallways connecting the three buildings, fire suppression in scene shop and theater auditorium, and inadequate storage space for theater equipment.

L. Stoner and Z. Steuerwald reviewed the action findings and responses including implement program and designate hot work areas, ensure fire alarm testing and vendor verification with UWM Police that alarms are received when performing testing, develop a file of all floor plans, training for building chairs on incident reporting, parking concerns, security of buildings, safety concerns about hazardous materials. Positive outcomes of the PSOA fire include heightened awareness of need for safe practices, improved communication during incidents, renovated theater, stage, and shop places that meet

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contemporary standards and a safer campus. The results of a study conducted two years ago were used to guide the theater renovation plans.

- B. New Classroom Projects - M. Priem provided update on capital budget funded (\$800K) classroom renovations located in EMS West, six general classrooms created into four larger classrooms that are more flexible and mediated and address ADA and access issues.
- C. Transportation Subcommittee Charter – S. Kennedy moved and N. Silvaggi to approve the Transportation Subcommittee charter as amended. Motion passed unanimously. The amended charter will be forwarded to Codification Committee after the PEC and Naming Subcommittee review their respective charters and recommend changes.
- D. Other – It was suggested that the December 20<sup>th</sup> PEC meeting be moved to December 13<sup>th</sup>. D. Genzmer moved and S. Kennedy seconded to reschedule meeting to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. *Old Business.*

- A. Campus Smoking Policy update – D. Heathcote reported that he, M. Priem and T. Howard met with Student Association President, Emily Kuester, to determine the status of the campus smoking policy. SA passed a policy in 2016 that encouraged the PEC to consider options, including building smoking shelters. E. Kuester will revisit the issue with the SA at its next senate meeting. The committee suggested researching how other UW campuses that are smoke free implemented the policy, including smoking in residence halls and addressing neighborhood concerns.

V. *Reports.*

- A. Campus Space Committee G. Hurtado and K. Surerus – Bids will be submitted in coming weeks and groundbreaking is expected to occur in January 2018.
- B. Inclusive Restrooms – K. Wolfert provided the annual report (2016 and 2017 conversion) of restrooms across campus. Restrooms are being updated with new privacy locks that indicate if occupied, signage noting inclusive restrooms, adjustments to single occupant restrooms, being made ADA compliant, and tracking number of showers. K. Duce suggested tracking restrooms with baby changing tables. The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBTQ+A provided input.
- C. Transportation Subcommittee- G. Fredlund reported that the subcommittee met and elected G. Fredlund as chair. New members were provided an overview of the subcommittee's functions.

VI. *Announcements/Other.* None.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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