

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Physical Environment Committee
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Lubar N440, 8:30 AM
MINUTES

Present: R. Badger, G. Fredlund, K. Hartman, D. Heathcote, *ex officio* Howard, *ex officio* G. Hurtado, S. Kennedy, V. Klump, K. Nelson, W. Otieno, M. Peterson, J. Rodriguez, D. Schadewald, L. Stoner, K. Surerus, K. Wallick, A. Wiseman
Guests: N. Benevidas, M. Priem, C. Schuttey, R. Thomas, M. Spandanula Z. Steuerwald

- I. *Call to Order.* D. Heathcote called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- II. *Approval of Agenda and Minutes.*
 - A. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.
- III. *Unfinished Business.* None.
- IV. *New Business.*
 - A. Union referendum update (R. Thomas) – An overview of student information and outreach efforts related to the upcoming student vote for the Union renewal referendum was presented. In response to Board of Regents concerns that a true representation of the student body population has not been captured by past votes (with less than 10% overall participation), Student Affairs has implemented a mandatory voting application in the PAWS student enrollment process. The referendum application became part of the mandatory student “to-do” process for the early enrollment. As such, based on historical student enrollment trends it is expected that this process would capture 45% of enrolled students, who would need to submit a vote of “yes”, “no”, or “abstain”. It is expected that this participation rate, much higher than any previous student referendum at any UW institution, would more than satisfy Board of Regents’ concerns.
 - B. Transportation budget vote (G. Hurtado) – The proposed budget was presented to the Transportation Subcommittee at its November 6th meeting and the subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the budget as presented. The parking fees will not increase even though there has been a \$6-700,000 increase in costs over last few years. Bids for maintenance projects on six parking structures/garages is expected to total \$2.5M. K. Wallick moved and L. Stoner seconded to accept the transportation budget as presented by the Subcommittee. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- V. *Reports.*
 - A. Campus Space Committee (K. Surerus) – The Committee still anticipates

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breaking ground for the Lubar Entrepreneurship Welcome Center in January 2018.

- B. Capital Budget 2019-21 (G. Hurtado)- In December he will bring recommendations to the PEC for the Chemistry replacement building (\$112M) as number one priority for academic capital budget request and \$129M Program Revenue funds request for renovation of the Student Union. UW System acknowledges the dire condition of the UWM Chemistry building and has the project at the top of their list of all agency funds request. Discussion took place about facilities management of the UW Colleges with the approaching UWM merger.

VI. *Announcements/Other.*

- A. The December 13th meeting will be held in Mitchell Hall Room 375 if the PEC is able to visit the Theater. L. Stoner noted that the renovation is not progressing as planned therefore the visit may be rescheduled for the February meeting.
- B. The Student Association Senate is still discussing the proposed Smoke-free campus. More details will be shared with the PEC as they are made available.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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