

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Physical Environment Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
8:30-10 a.m.
Libraries E159
MINUTES

Present: R. Badger, J. Boyland, S. Emmons, G. Fredlund, D. Genzmer, *ex officio* T. Howard, W. Huddleston, S. Kennedy, K. Nelson, M. Petering, J. Pozorski, J. Rodriguez, D. Schadewald, *ex officio* T. Scrivener, S. Stalewski, N. Silvaggi, L. Stoner, *ex officio* K. Surerus

Guests: Tammy Haberman, Yuri Keegstra, Brian Thomas, Schuchi Wadhwa, Karen Wolfert

- I. *Call to Order.* Chair L. Stoner called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 March 13, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.
- III. *Unfinished Business.* None.
- IV. *New Business.*
 - A. Naming Subcommittee Request- Deferred until May 2019 meeting.
 - B. Update on VoIP- Skype for Business- S. Wadhwa, project manager UITs, reported that UWM is implementing VoIP -MS Teams on campus to meet the needs of faculty and staff and due to the dramatic increase of AT&T/Centrex monthly costs (AT& T is charging \$30k per month more which UITs has been paying). VoIP is not tied to phone jacks and access will improve. VoIP is a unified communication platform that will phased in building by building. The specific schedule for implementation is not yet available.

Where in process? UITs worked with MicroSoft engineers in 2017-18 and the test environment was finalized in August 2018. Campus will adopt MicroSoft Teams as the VoIP platform. Evaluation of MS Teams was conducted by 25 individuals in UITs and CTS, concluding last month. They checked the viability of VoIP for campus. The general roll-out is anticipated for Fall 2019. Costs include purchasing headset and/or phone. To minimize costs of purchases, individuals have the option of using speakers and microphone on computer or laptops. MS Teams works on all platforms (but not certain about Linux). Exact costs to units must be determined by the UBRs for each School/College.

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Skype for Business will not be available after MS Teams has been implemented. MS Teams will be used in place of Skype for Business (free download for students). UWM is the last campus in UWS to transition to VoIP; however, all other campuses are currently using Skype for Business. UWM chose to integrate MS Teams which has better functionality and ability for collaboration of documents and screen-sharing. UWM has contracts and agreements with Microsoft so communication is protected. Fax machine, credit card processing machines, elevator and blue light phones will remain on Centrex until migration is complete. A work group is being formed to study the options for these phone lines.

- C. Request from CIO, Bob Beck – A campus group is being convened to consider what to do about UWM’s Emergency Phones. B. Beck requested a continuing member of the PEC represent the Committee on the group. D. Genzmer volunteered to serve on the group.

V. *Reports.*

- A. Campus Space Committee – G. Hurtado reported there are requests for an Enderis office and a few for NWQ. K. Surerus reported on the status of NWQ Building D (bricks are falling off) and Building A (still in process and an update may be provided at May meeting). The Chemistry Building is in the contract phase with architects and engineers. Work may begin in May. Current Chemistry building will be reassessed and recommendations will be made. G. Fredlund reported on student project to reduce bird mortality on campus. Using GIS to document bird mortality and have identified hot spots on campus. This project will make UWM one of the first campuses to be bird-friendly. Students will report details at the May PEC meeting.
- B. Transportation Subcommittee- No report. W. Huddleston reminded committee that parking projects that were delayed due to NWQ project last summer will commence this summer.

VI. *Announcements.*

- A. Tour of Connected Systems Institute (CSI) occurred after meeting.
- B. May 15th meeting changed to May 1st.

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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