

UWM Physical Environment Committee
 September 16, 2020
 8:30am – 10:00am
 Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am by Wendy Huddleston
 - a. Introduction of PEC members
 - b. Review and approve meeting agenda – action required – *Approved by consensus.*

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Others in attendance: Geoff Hurtado, Director of Campus Planning; Karen Wolfert, Senior Facility Architect; Koby Scheel, Kahler Slater; Larry Schnuck, Kahler Slater, Kevin Blackburn, Chemistry Building Chair, John Gardner, Office of Sustainability; Scott Gronert, Dean, L&S; John Bartelt, L&S.

2. Approval of May 2020 Meeting Minutes – action required
Approved by consensus.

3. Election of PEC Chair and Vice Chair – action required
PEC Chair
Wendy Huddleston - Nomination by K. Duce Second by K. Nelson
Unanimously in favor of Wendy Huddleston as Chair
PEC Vice Chair
Nick Silvaggi - Nomination by consensus Second by consensus
Unanimously in favor of Nick Silvaggi as Vice Chair

4. Committee Appointments
 - a. Transportation Subcommittee - action required to appoint committee members
and Chair - Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece, Kate Nelson, Stephen White, Keri Duce, Christine Evans, Melissa Spadanuda (ex officio)
 - b. Facilities Naming Committee - action required to appoint committee members
and Chair – Christine Evans, Nick Silvaggi, Donna Gensmer, Karen Wolfert, Trina Salm Ward
 - c. PEC appointee to the Engineering Replacement Project – action required
Karyn Frick appointed by consensus

5. Old Business
None

6. New Business
 - a. Establish PEC meetings calendar (10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19) –
action required - *Approved*
 - b. Presentation and discussion of design concepts for Replacement Chemistry
Building – *Karen Wolfert introduced the project team and made a few brief
remarks about the project. Pre-design was started in 2018 and has proceeded to
this point. Introduced Koby Scheel from Kahler Slater Architects. Koby is the
Project Manager. Koby introduced Robert Benson and Brett Lawrence from
Cannon Design. Cannon Design is the design architect for the project. Robert led
the presentation.*

*Questions: What is maximum capacity for two large lecture halls? Both are
approximately the same as the existing ones in Chemistry. Capacity of 180 in one
and 220 in the other. Both halls are heavily used and, despite a surplus of large*

lecture halls overall, these two are justifiable. Plans call for other large lecture halls to be subdivided into smaller classrooms.

Keri noted for the committee that this has been a largely positive project from the perspective of the neighborhood groups.

Is anything being done about the parking situation given the removal of the Sciences Lot? Ultimately, the solution is for a parking structure in the Cunningham Lot but it has been put off for now.

What is plan for faculty offices? This matter was studied and based on input from the Chemistry faculty, the plan for number and location of offices was established.

What are the environmental performance standards and targets for the building? Performance of the exterior has been studied to make it meet the statutorily required energy performance. Building has other features to make it more sustainable. Overall, the project team believes this building will perform better than required under the energy performance standards in statutes. The design also incorporated features recommended by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for energy conservation.

- c. *Presentation and discussion of Solar Now program with WEC and design concepts for solar collectors in Chapman Hall Parking Lot. Kate Nelson presented the Solar Now concept to purchase more renewable energy at UWM. WE Energies offered two programs (approved by PSCW) for renewable energy involving wind and solar energy sources. Originally, the effort was to pursue a large renewable energy program off campus. That direction was paused in favor of a smaller scale renewable program being suggested by WE Energy for lease of campus ground space to WE Energy to install solar panels to generate a maximum of 2.25MW of power. The power would be provided to the electrical grid used by WE Energies and would not necessarily go directly to UWM buildings. UWM, as the land-owner would be paid for use of the space and would be able to claim credit for the renewable energy from the solar collectors.*

Preliminary plans are considering carport-mounted solar panels in the Chapman Parking Lot elevated enough to permit vehicles to park underneath. Several slides illustrated the concept.

Several questions were raised about coordination with Facility Services and the contemplated Fire Circle. Kate replied that Native American tribes are strongly

supportive of renewable energy and efforts to increase sustainability. Facility Services has been consulted on the issues of maintenance and snow removal. Kate also mentioned that WE Energy is responsible for maintenance.

A comment was made that attention should be paid to the design to make it something that is not only functional but a visual asset to the campus.

- d. Report of Space Planning Committee – Kristene Surerus and Melissa Spadanuda – *Kristene reported that the first meeting will be in two weeks.*
 - e. Space optimization effort getting started – *deferred to October meeting*
 - f. Report on Transportation Services financial condition – Prasanna Nanda – *deferred to October meeting*
7. Other business? *None.*
8. Adjourn *Meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.*