UWM Physical Environment Committee

December 21, 2022 8:30am – 10:00am Via Teams Format Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Attendance.

Name	Present	Absent
Karyn Frick (FAC)	Х	
Kate Nelson (AS)	Х	
Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece (FAC)		Х
James Wasley (FAC)	Х	
Nicole Oswald (AS)	Х	
Tim Steffan (US)	Х	
Valerica (Vali) Raicu (FAC)	Х	
Stephen White (FAC)	Х	
Wendy Huddleston (FAC)	Х	
Tina Freiburger (Dean)		
Luke Olson (AS)	Х	
Robert (Bob) Schneider (FAC)	Х	
Patrick (Pat) Reilly (US)	Х	
Rick Koehler (US)		Х
Trina Salm Ward (FAC)	Х	
John Boyland (FAC)	Х	
Erica Meier (AS)	X	
< > GFC rep		
< > APBC rep Hobey Davies		Х
< > (student member)		
Meghan Murphy-Lee (AS) ex-officio	Х	
Jen Francis (Dir) <i>ex-officio</i>	Х	
Kristene Surerus (FAC) ex-officio		Х
Carrie Driscoll (AS) ex-officio	Х	
Mike Priem (AS) ex-officio	Х	
Melissa Spadanuda (AVC) ex-officio		Х

Others in attendance:

1. Automatic consent

- a. November 16, 2022 minutes were approved by consensus
- b. Meeting Agenda was approved by consensus

2. Old Business

- a. Status update on accessibility and safety around construction at NWQ (Wolfert).
 - i. Karen Wolfert detailed efforts. NWQ-A demolition in progress, tentative March completion date. Contractors removing materials from site, primarily from south side along Hartford. Rubber mats have been added over the steel plates to avoid slip/fall incidents. In Jan/Feb we will see sidewalk closed along Maryland for material removal. Coordinating with city and MCTS to provide two-way traffic throughout project. Dust and noise have not been reported as issues. Investigating options to add an automated/ADA door on the south entrance to NWQB. A small fire occurred in the ground floor level of the A wing, under demolition. Due to the open nature of the structure, east winds brought the smoke into the B/C/D facility intakes. Air filter devices are in-place to scrub the air of particulates and odors.

3. New Business

- a. PEC Membership changes due to restructuring of University Relations (Huddleston). Both sub-committees had ex-officio members from UR as well as the larger committee. UR has moved to Division of Marketing and Communications. External Relations and Government Relations moved to the Office of Strategic Partnerships. The PEC P&P will need to be modified by the Secretary of the University to align with these changes and has asked for our feedback.
 - i. John Boyland suggested that MarComm may be more pertinent to participation in PEC in general as they have direct stakes in how campus is presented to the public.
 - ii. Wendy suggested that External & Governmet Relations should support the Transportation subcommittee and that Marketing & Communications support the Naming subcommittee. All PEC members were in agreement with this arrangement of representation.
- **4.** Closed session The Physical Environment Committee may move into closed session as permitted by Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. **No closed session business for this meeting.**

5. Standing reports

a. Space Optimization Project (Spadanuda) –

- i. No update / Melissa absent due to weather emergency.
- b. Space Planning (Surerus) –

In Kristene's absence, Nicole Oswald and Mike Priem shared a general overview of topics discussed at the December Campus Space Committee meeting, which included several smaller space assignments and inter-departmental space swaps (including L&S Cultures and Communities swapping their space at Merrill Hall for Bolton Hall space occupied by American Indian Studies and the Electa Quiney Institute).

6. Announcements

- a. Kate Nelson
 - Kate announced that after 15 years of service to UWM, she is departing on January 6th to take a new role at U.Minn – Twin Cities as Director of Campus Sustainability. John Gardner will serve as acting manager, Lindsay Frost has been transition to the role of Sustainability Operations Manager.
 - ii. Susan Stalewski (CHS) will replace Kate as the standing AS rep.
- b. Wendy extended thanks to the supporting members of the PEC, including Mike Priem for taking minutes, Carolyn Driscole for general support, Nicole Oswald for representing PEC at the Space Committee, Stephen White for representing the PEC at senate meetings, and our sub-committee Chairs Stephen White and Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece.
- c. Robert Schneider shared an update on the campus pedestrian safety efforts, specifically the curb extensions through the city of Milwaukee rapid implementation project.
- 7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.
- 8. Next meeting January 19th 8:30 a.m. VIRTUAL