

UWM Physical Environment Committee

March 15, 2023

8:30am – 10:00am

Teams

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m.
2. Attendance.

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

Others in attendance:

1. Automatic consent
 - a. December 21, 2022 Minutes were approved without changes.
 - b. Meeting Agenda – Motion carried unanimously to approve with amendment:

- i. Karen Wolfert would like to add discussion of a PEC rep for the SWQ Greenspace Redevelopment.
- 2. Old Business - none
- 3. New Business
 - a. Classroom utilization report (Priem)
 - i. Mike Priem provided a report detailing UWM's utilization and demand of General Assignment Classrooms. Utilization continues to rebound to pre-pandemic levels but demand reporting reflects a need to consider decompression some of our 21-40 seat classrooms to provide better seat occupancy; particularly once NWQ GA classrooms (twelve 30-seat classrooms) go back on-line in Fall 2023. Mike provided an overview of the UWS Instructional Space Project program, which UWM did not receive any funding from in the 2023-25 Capital Budget, and utilization of campus funds which support on-going operations and maintenance of GA classrooms; investing in replacement of instructional technology, classroom furniture and room finishes.
 - ii. Wendy asked how our Active Learning CR's fit into the demand reporting, mentioning that CHS is in need of access to 50-seat ALC's for programming.
 - b. Safe Streets project (White) – MKE Rapid Implementation Project (John Willis Gardner)
 - i. *John shared details of a City of Milwaukee program focused on low-cost/quickly implemented pedestrian safety improvement projects. He reports that the City has worked with UWM to identify several opportunities on the UWM campus. These project focus on uncontrolled intersections around the perimeter of campus, along Kenwood Blvd and Downer Ave.*
 - ii. *Robert S. added limited details about discussions by the PEC Transportation subcommittee on the internal streets of campus.*
 - c. Capital Budget update (Spadanuda)
 - i. Melissa provided an overview of the Governor's budget recommendation, focusing on UWM's Major Projects (>\$7.5M). UWS combined (Utility) project, which included UWM's chiller replacement. 16-17 competing UWS projects, Mil's NWQ-CHS Project was our highest (ranked #3), just behind Madison Engineering and a UWLA project. DFD shifted our project down and cut it from \$180M to \$1M to complete planning only, stating that UWM was not ready to proceed. Chancellor and others are working with legislatures in an attempt to reverse this.

We expect the decision to go to the Joint Finance Commission. The JFC has not historically altered the project list. Public meetings in April, including Waukesha 4/5. UWM plans to have a presence at those meetings to lobby for the project. UWM was previously directed to hold on planning due to political/neighborhood issues. UWM has lots of support from community/business partners for this project. It is critical to meeting demand for healthcare workers in Wisconsin, allowing us to increase enrollment in those programs by 15% (300 per year).

- d. PEC Rep for SWQ Greenspace Re-development (Wolfert)
 - i. Meetings will be monthly, 60-90min.
 - ii. This will address redevelopment of land after the (existing) Chemistry building is razed.
 - iii. Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece volunteered.
- 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. Melissa did not have any major updates. She shared that we are struggling with resources for the project, staff stretched between active construction/planning projects and loss of support staff. There are related initiatives happening, including Global Water in the next year and potentially WUWM which will end two high-dollar lease conditions.
 - b. Space Planning (Surerus)
 - i. Held a meeting in February with several changes:
 - 1. UWMPD Temporary storage
 - 2. EQI requested MER 142 as an event/classroom
 - 3. ARC office assignment (MIT 123, vacated by TRIO).
 - c. Transportation Sub-committee (White)
 - i. Discussing/developing pedestrian friendly campus initiative.
 - ii. Transportation budget update scheduled for April PEC meeting.
- 6. Announcements
 - a. Welcome to Sue Stalewski who is replacing Kate Nelson!

- b.* Transportation Subcommittee is short a rep due to loss of Kate Nelson. Meghan Murphy-Lee volunteered to fill the (AS) opening.
- 7. Adjournment at 9:26am.
- 8. Next meeting – April 19th, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - VIRTUAL