

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 21 July 2009, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Casey Barrons, David Dakin, Harold Glasser, Kevin High, John Jellies, David Lemberg, Michael Miller, and Paul Solomon.

Guests: Bassam Harik, vice provost for budget and personnel, and Robert Miller, associate vice president for community outreach.

Chair's Comments – Paul Solomon

Solomon established that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Procedural Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion by Jellies to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dakin to approve the minutes of the 16 June 2009 as presented, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Informational/Discussion Items

Plans for Expanding the Business Technology and Research Park – Robert Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach

Robert Miller presented the historical and current status of the Business Technology and Research Park. The BTR Park currently has 12 building and three roads. The firms located at the park are focused on engineering, life science, and information technology. There are only three building sites that remain available.

A concept development plan for expansion of the BTR Park was presented. Expansion is being planned on the Colony Farm Orchard property (between Drake Road, US 131, Stadium Drive, and Parkview Road). This property is being considered for expansion because of its proximity to the BTR and possible expansion of the Smart Zone.

Michigan State University currently conducts research on this property. The research would need to be relocated before development could take place. Also,

due to restrictions on the property, approval of the Michigan Legislature is required. State Representative Robert Jones is sponsoring the change.

Campus Housing Project Phase One – David Dakin, Director of Planning, Facilities Management

Bids are being accepted for a planned 300 bed apartment on campus. Construction and management will be a partnership between WMU and a private-sector firm.

There are currently 267 students on a waiting list for on-campus apartments. Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and be ready for occupancy fall 2011.

Sangren Hall Update – David Dakin, Director of Planning, Facilities Management

Currently redefining plans to maximize design and layout efficiency. These plans will be outputted in August, with an open workshop scheduled in September for stakeholders to provide input.

Discussion on How to Best Review the Council's Role Statement and Begin a Discussion of Proposed Re-Working of Standing Committees – Paul Solomon

It was suggested that two council members review the current role statement. Paul Solomon asked that members e-mail him if they are willing to volunteer to review the current role statement.

Other Discussion Items

It was suggested that President John Dunn and Board of Trustees Chairman Ken Miller be invited to the 22 September 2009 CPFC meeting.

Solomon asked that e-mail be sent to him or Michael Miller with questions and/or discussion items for Dr. Dunn and Mr. Ken Miller.

Discussion ensued on how to best to attach PowerPoint presentations given by council members and guest speakers to the meeting minutes. Paul Solomon and Mike Miller will follow up.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Miller, seconded by Dakin. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

Kevin High