

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 19 October 2010, 3:30 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Kevin High, John Jellies, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Kathleen Langan, Dave Lemberg, Paul Solomon, Lowell Rinker, Gay Walker

**Member absent:** Dean Honsberger

**Guests:** Captain Carol Dedow, Department of Public Safety; Lt. Bryan Ergang, Township of Kalamazoo Police Department; Anand Sankey, Director, Operations and Engineering, Facilities Management; Conn Macomber, Director, Projects and Construction, Facilities Management; Peter Krawutschke, Faculty Senate President

**Procedural Items**

*Approval of the Minutes*

A motion was moved by Gershon to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was moved by Gershon to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

**Informational/Discussion Items**

*Taser Use in Law Enforcement at WMU – Captain Carol Dedow, Department of Public Safety and Lt. Bryan Ergang, Township of Kalamazoo Police Department*

Captain Carol Dedow presented the case for WMU safety officers to have tasers as a supplementary form of security and control. She presented research that weighs the pros and cons of using tasers. The officer's worst nightmare is using the force of a firearm when a taser might provide a better alternative.

Currently, there are several universities located in the Mid-American Conference of schools that equip their respective safety officers with taser capability.

*Update – East Campus Development Request For Proposals – David Dakin, Director of Campus Planning, Facilities Management*

Finding new ways to utilize the resources and facilities of East Campus was the topic of discussion.

There are tax incentives and credits that are available only to the private sector. Request for Proposals (RFPs) went out yesterday and were advertised in the Western News. A Michigan historical architect based out of Lansing is potentially interested in developing East Campus. The language in use is "non-compatible". A developer does not have to be connected with the university.

If a developer comes up with an idea, we need to give fair consideration to such proposals. Friends of Historic East Campus were present for the task of creating the RFP and support it. Any such partnership involves a ground lease. After a certain period of time the asset would return to the university as a rehabilitated building. Ground leases vary. There are limitations on the historic tax credits. Rule 1 we are not selling the building or the property. Letters of intent are due back 7 January 2011. The RFPs are due in March.

*"Finishing Touches" – Rick Gershon*

In addition to the regular charges of the CPFC, (i.e., reviewing major project initiatives as well as administrative finance issues), CPFC Chair Rick Gershon proposed that we take on what he calls "finishing touches."

The term "finishing touches" suggests a goal of completing smaller projects and works around campus that with the right attention to detail will add value to WMU both in terms of appearance and/or accessibility to the students and general public. A good example is the remodeling of the Bernhard Center.

In preparation for next month's meeting, he has encouraged members of the CPFC to contribute to a 'finishing touches' list of projects.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Katheen Langan  
Secretary