

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Tuesday, 16 November 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Kevin High, Dean Honsberger, John Jellies, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, David Lemberg, Dennis McCrumb, Sean Nicholl, Lowell Rinker, Gay Walker

Members absent: Chery Bruey, David Dakin, Kathleen Langan, Paul Solomon

Guests: Robert Brown, Director, Public Safety; AnnMarie Cox, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Cam Vossen, Emergency Management Administrator, Environmental Safety and Emergency Management; and from Facilities Management – Ray Kezenius, Engineer; Conn Macomber, Director, Projects and Construction; Chris Pyzik, Project Architect, Campus Planning; Peter Strazdas, Associate Vice President

Procedural Items

Welcome and Introductions

Council Chair Rick Gershon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was moved by Rinker, seconded by Jellies, to approve the minutes of 19 October 2010 as presented. Motion passed.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was moved by Honsberger to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by High. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments – Rick Gershon

Paul Solomon was unable to attend today's meeting. The agenda item Update - Arcadia Commons West Steering Committee will not be presented.

Gershon will distribute a list of "Finishing Touches – Part 2: additional submissions" after the Campus Emergency Management item has been discussed.

Informational/Discussion Items

"Finishing Touches – Part 1"

Plans for Green Space and Parking for the New Sangren Hall – Chris Pyzik, Project Architect, Campus Planning, Facilities Management

Chris Pyzik discussed the long range plans for the center of campus. In keeping with the Master Plan that was developed in 2000, the goal is to have West Michigan Avenue become a Pedestrian Mall through the West end of the campus corridor. The parking spaces within the scope of the project will be reallocated to the outer portion of the pedestrian core.

The Sangren Hall project is to be completed for the opening of classes for fall 2012. The circle drive that will be installed at the end of West Michigan Avenue will allow for better traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

Seibert Administration Building Windows – Conn Macomber, Director, Projects and Construction, and Ray Kezenius, Engineer, Facilities Management

Conn Macomber discussed the approximately 13,000 square feet of windows in the Seibert Administration Building. These windows are first generation aluminum made just after World War II. The single glaze windows and frames are not insulated.

Ray Kezenius indicated that the cost to replace the existing windows and removal of the glass block would be approximately 1.3 million dollars and take 35 to 37 years to repay back this debt. Mr. Rinker indicated that the University routinely reviews and approves projects where there is a one, two or even three year payback on the project. The Seibert Administration Building window project does not fit in with the university's payback timeframe.

Gershon asked Ray Kezenius and Conn Macomber to break down the cost on replacing the windows and the cost of replacing the glass blocks in the Seibert Administration Building and return to the next meeting with these figures.

Campus Emergency Management – Cam Vossen, Emergency Management Administration, Environmental Safety and Emergency Management

Cam Vossen reviewed the University's Mass Notification Tools that include both low-tech and high-tech notification redundancies that can be used depending upon the critical incident.

The Western Michigan University hotline is 387-1001 which can be called for updates regarding campus closure etc. The WMU Alert is the emergency notification system that will do mass calls for those who have registered for it. This number does not leave messages and requires a person to respond to activate the phone call.

There are dedicated emergency volunteers throughout campus that receive training and equipment to provide critical leadership and direction in the buildings on campus. There are NOAA alert radios in departmental offices and buildings with internal and external notification with pre-programmed messages through the fire alarm system that alert the campus community. At the conclusion of an emergency alert, the radios, public alert systems, etc., will receive an all clear message.

“Finishing Touches – Part 2: Additional Submissions” – Rick Gershon

Gershon distributed a Finishing Touches List for review and discussion at January’s meeting.

Other Business

A future topic for discussion would be the usage of bikes on campus and how WMU’s bike paths link up to the greater Kalamazoo area bike paths.

There will be no December 2010 meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is 18 January 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnMarie Cox
Recording Secretary