

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of 15 March 2011, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Kevin High, Dean Honsberger, John Jellies, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, David Lemberg, Sean Nicholl, Dennis McCrumb, Paul Solomon, Lowell Rinker, Gay Walker. **Members absent:** Cheryl Bruey, Kathleen Langan. **Guests:** Robert Brown, Director of Public Safety; Ann Cox, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Jan Van Der Kley, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance.

Procedural Items

Welcome

Council Chair Rick Gershon called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Rinker to accept the agenda, seconded by Walker. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Honsberger, seconded by Krishna-Swamy, to approve the minutes of 15 February. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments

The agenda was reordered to place Paul Solomon first on the agenda.

Informational/Discussion Items

Arcadia Common West Update – Paul Solomon

Paul Solomon updated the council on the Arcadia Common West Project. The project is still slated to be brought to the tax payers for a vote and if passed, the project would be funded by tax revenue dollars. The project would bring together the City of Kalamazoo, K-College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University, the surrounding neighborhood communities, and local businesses to accomplish the goal of the Arcadia Common West project.

Kevin Dodd, a theatre director, and Paul Solomon have been handed the charge of moving the arts forward with the project.

Solomon was unable to stay for further discussions.

Capital Outlay – Priority List and Single Request – David Dakin

Dakin distributed two documents to the council:

- the Building Project Priority List for FY 2011-12. This document is required by the State of Michigan each September regardless of whether or not the projects are seeking state funding.
- the summary of each project.

Funding for Sangren Hall is still under discussion at the State level.

Medical School Facilities Update – David Dakin

Western Michigan University, Borgess Hospital and Bronson Hospital will become equal partners in establishing the medical school. Dr. Hal Jensen has been appointed the dean of the School of Medicine with a start date of 22 March 2011.

Bike Path Discussion – Harold Glasser

Harold Glasser is working on a non motorized transit master plan. Meetings are taking place with the City of Kalamazoo's Transportation Office, Kalamazoo County office of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation, and Western Michigan University. The master plan process will take approximately one year to gather the information necessary to complete the project focusing on the Main Campus, Oakland Drive, Parkview Campus and Downtown Kalamazoo.

In the fall semester 2011, a bike co-op will open with a bike exchange program in place. Storage issues and locations are still in the planning phase.

Discussions centered on the Asylum Lake property and whether it should also be included in the Bike Path Master Plan. Rinker indicated that Cari DeLong, Landscape Services office, would be the contact person for questions regarding the Asylum Lake property.

Other Business

Future agenda items would include President John Dunn with an update on the state of the Budget; Jim Thomas, vice president for development and alumni relations, with a Development Office update; and Cari DeLong on Asylum Lake.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jellies to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Honsberger. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnMarie Cox
Recording Secretary