

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 24 January 2012, at 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Aekam Barot, Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Dean Honsberger, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Kathleen Langan, Dennis McCrumb, Zac Putnam, Gail Rouscher, Paul Solomon, Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

Guests: Jim Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel and Chief Information Officer; Chris Pyzik, Project Architect, Facilities Management Planning; Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management; Linda Poquette, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, and Sandra Steinbach, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance

Procedural Items

Welcome

Council Chair Rick Gershon welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Langan to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Dakin. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 15 November 2011

A motion was made by Honsberger to approve the minutes of 15 November 2011, supported by Langan. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments – Rick Gershon

Gershon thanked Gay Walker for coordinating everything in his absence and welcomed guests Chris Pyzik and Peter Strazdas.

Information/Discussion Items

Archives Project – Chris Pyzik

Pyzik provided a presentation on the University Archives. A state-of-the-art archival facility is planned and the site selected is on the south side of the state hospital. Pyzik reviewed the facility plan but stated it has to go to the design planners and bidding needs to take place. The site has room for expansion and easy access for community users. Funding of \$4.2 million will be provided through donations and \$3.3 million from the University.

Sangren Pedestrian Mall Design – Pete Strazdas

An aerial view was distributed to show the Sangren mall design, which was designed to be recreational and pedestrian oriented. Vehicular traffic is limited to the loading dock and handicapped spots. There will be changes in the parking areas and alternative routes will be implemented. The changes will be communicated. Project is on time and classes are to begin in the fall. Old Sangren will need to be cleaned in order for the building to come down and parking will replace this area. Strazdas reported that one-third of a million dollars will be saved in heating. Green space will be recaptured with this design.

Gershon thanked Strazdas and all involved. It is commendable as to how this process has been shared. There are opportunities for students to gather and Glasser noted the natural aspects such as the water being pumped and recycled. We are a leader in sustainable practices. A request was made for photos beginning when it was a highway to what it will look like when finished.

A question was presented on behalf of Margaret Merrion, dean of the College of Fine Arts, by Solomon regarding funding for art. Merrion was to follow-up after talking with Jim Thomas, vice president for development and alumni relations. Business and Finance will help place art work but will not decide what art work is to be placed.

In response to a question about trees, Strazdas stated trees will be planted and the species and number ordered is in the master plan.

Solar Array/Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project Signage – Harold Glasser, Executive Director for Campus Sustainability

Glasser presented slides showing the charging area, where a sign could be located and what the sign should look like, i.e., standardization, color, size and sponsors. The purpose of the sign is to educate anyone that comes to campus about plugging in and charging a vehicle. After further discussion, the council stated that they are comfortable with Glasser working with Cheryl Roland, executive director of University Relations, to follow University structure and design guidelines for the sign.

Other Business

There was no further business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Krishna-Swamy to adjourn, supported by Solomon. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Poquette, Recording Secretary