

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 18 September 2012, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Aekam Barot, David Dakin, Dean Honsberger, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Dave Lemberg, Zac Putnam, Bill Rantz, Gail Rouscher, Paul Solomon, Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

**Guests:** Jim Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel and CIO; Linda Poquette, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Sandy Steinbach, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management

**Procedural Items**

*Welcome*

Council Chair David Lemberg welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Honsberger to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Krishna-Swamy. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes of 19 June 2012*

A motion was made by Solomon to approve the minutes of 19 June 2012, supported by Aravamuthan. Motion passed.

*Chair's Comments – David Lemberg*

Lemberg thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as chair. He welcomed Faculty Senate President Bill Rantz, sitting in today for Rick Gershon, who will be serving as the Senate Executive Board representative to CPFC. After his introduction, Rantz welcomed the council to the new academic year and thanked them for their commitment to this council.

**Information/Discussion Items**

*Capital Outlay – David Dakin, Director, Campus Planning*

Dakin presented the capital outlay list. Each year, the University submits a five-year capital outlay list to the State of Michigan. The capital outlay list will go to the Board of Trustees meeting. The outlay list provides a long term vision. An inclusive process was conducted to generate the list of projects.

*WMed Project Design – David Dakin*

Dakin reported to the council that work has started on the WMed Building 267. Dakin presented several views on design and development and stated that we are still in the process of design and development. May 2014 is the approximate date for this project to be finished.

Currently, there are no plans for the other buildings. Dakin reviewed where parking is located.

*Geothermal Approach with Legacy Collections Center  
Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management*

Strazdas ran a video to explain the geothermal approach that will be used in the Legacy Collections Center. The strategy is to conserve energy and move to renewables. Geothermal uses the ground to heat and cool and is 400 percent efficient.

Strazdas explained the cost is higher up front. After 15 or 20 years, there will be a return on the investment. There will be a backup system in Legacy using a small boiler and chiller due to the sensitivity of the archive materials.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*2012-13 Council Charges*

Lemberg reviewed the council charges. It was confirmed that the council follows the charges and will continue to do so. Discussion began concerning the WMU entry sites. Van Der Kley reviewed possible new sites, some of which are challenging due to roadways and property restrictions. There is currently no money at the state level to apply for a new WMU entry site.

The Faculty Senate Medical School Task Force is on hold as the accreditation committee is delayed.

Raja Aravamuthan volunteered as vice chair and Paul Solomon volunteered as secretary for 2012-13. A motion was made to accept Aravamuthan as vice chair and Solomon as secretary and was unanimously supported. Motion passed.

**Other Business**

Discussion took place on WMU's policy for differential tuition and class fees. It was noted that the Board of Trustees make the policies and the Provost's Office is in charge of implementation of those policies. It is being reviewed as to whether class fees should be implemented by colleges with differential tuition.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Honsberger and supported by Solomon.  
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Poquette  
Recording Secretary