

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 15 January 2013, at 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Rick Gershon, Harold Glasser, Dean Honsberger, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Kathleen Langan, David Lemberg, 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; Larry Harris, Landscape Architect; Tim Holysz, Director of Landscape Services; Hal Jenson, Dean, School of Medicine; Richard Long, Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Services; Sandy Steinbach, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance; Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, and Linda Poquette, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance

**Procedural Items**

*Welcome*

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

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

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

*Approval of the Minutes of 20 November 2012*

A motion was made by Honsberger to approve the minutes of 20 November 2012, supported by Langan. Motion passed.

*Chair's Comments – David Lemberg*

Lemberg thanked everyone for attending. There was a lot to cover at the meeting and he wanted to begin immediately.

**Information/Discussion Items**

*Serenity Park – Larry Harris and Gay Walker*

Walker introduced Larry Harris, the landscape architect for Serenity Park, and Richard Long, associate dean for the College of Health and Human Services. Walker gave a comprehensive presentation for Serenity Park. Harris provided a preliminary site layout plan for everyone to review.

The Boyt Labyrinth, dedicated on 20 October 2012, was created by a student, Nayt Boyt, which inspired the Serenity Park design. Serenity Park's plan is in the shape of a wheel with CHHS considered the hub with all the areas as the spokes in close proximity. There are three entrances and ample parking is available, including handicap parking. The low stone wall and trees will buffer the sound from Oakland Drive. Harris added that the design includes waterfalls and streams.

Serenity Park will be available for all students, faculty and community. According to Harris, this is an exceptional project and he is not aware of anything else that is similar. Van Der Kley added that Business and Finance is very excited about this project.

*East Campus – Jan Van Der Kley and David Dakin*

KDC Real Estate Development and Investments was chosen to develop East Campus after the Request for Proposal process was completed in the fall of 2011. KDC had top notch people working to make the revitalization of East Campus a reality. However, legislation changed the financial structure for this project. With the new tax credit program, new projects would only receive 10 – 15 cents on the dollar. Different proposals were presented by KDC. As the result of a significant financial gap to complete the project, it was determined the current project was not viable.

A new plan had to be made and the concept was to preserve important features of East Campus. East Hall would be preserved and used as an Alumni Center. In December 2012, the WMU Board of Trustees approved the plan. The WMU Foundation Board also gave its support. Dakin stated that for 20 years, every opportunity was looked at in preserving these buildings. Without the tax credits, WMU had to move forward and develop other options for East Campus.

The money that will be borrowed for this project will be recouped somewhat through donations. East Campus is the birthplace to WMU and a unique place to look at from the community. Alumni have always given back to WMU and it's time to give them something – that is where we recoup the money.

*School of Medicine Update – Hal Jenson*

Jenson gave a brief update. The design is just about finalized. The School of Medicine is scheduled to be open in April 2014.

The design of the building is to match curriculum, which includes lecture halls that are team based. Included is a simulation center that will serve needs of the medical school and the hospitals, Borgess and Bronson. Opportunities will also be available for CHHS.

Plans are going well for the building, accreditation and recruiting. Higher learning accreditation is running in parallel with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation. In May, recruitment begins for students attending in

2014. There will be full time faculty and voluntary part-time faculty from the community.

There is a vision for clinical, basic science and community based research. There is not enough laboratory space to start recruitment in those areas. Jenson stated they are excited and making sure there is excellence in what is being done.

#### **Other Business**

No other business.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Van Der Kley to adjourn at 4:30 p.m., supported by McCrumb. Motion passed.

Linda Poquette  
Recording Secretary