

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 18 February 2014 at 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Raja Aravamathan, David Dakin, Kieran Fogarty, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Jamie Gomez (Graduate Student Advisory Committee), Dean Honsberger, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Pat Langworthy (for Gail Rousscher), David Lemberg, Gary Mathews, Dennis McCrumb, Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

**Guests:** Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs; Todd Barkman, Biological Sciences; Doug Ladner, Student; Kevin P. Martini, Office of Sustainability; Joyce Parsons, Facilities Management; Peter Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management; and Patti Van Walbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance

*Welcome*

David Lemberg welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3 p.m.

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Dean Honsberger to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Jan Van Der Kley. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes of 21 January 2014*

A motion was made by Jan Van Der Kley to approve the minutes of 21 January 2014, supported by Dean Honsberger. Motion passed.

*Chair's Comments – David Lemberg*

Lemberg held comments due to the agenda.

**Information/Discussion Items**

*Dining Hall – Diane Anderson*

Diane Anderson, vice president for student affairs, presented a progress report on the dining facility to be located adjacent to the valley residence halls in the vicinity of parking lots #59 and #60. The University re-engaged SmithGroupJJR to investigate other possible sites for the new facility, as the original site was deemed not feasible. The facility ties in with the Division of Student Affairs' housing and dining plan and is designed to enhance the dining experience for all students. However, it is being specifically designed to enhance the dining

experience for incoming, first-year students who typically reside in the valley. It is expected to be open for fall semester 2016.

The new facility will include service for a thousand students, an easy access for delivery of food, an easy entrance from residence halls, a view of Goldsworth Valley Pond, minimum additional utility work, limited impact to trees, a safe access for foot traffic, and preserving as much parking as possible.

Five renderings were received from SmithGroupJJR of the facility, which will be approximately 67,000 square feet and contain seven restaurants. The cost is relatively the same for each of the five renderings. Public forums for input on the five renderings will be held Tuesday, 25 February, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Bernhard Center, Room 159. A decision will need to be made by the end of February in order to meet the opening deadline of fall semester 2016.

There will be crossover construction with the residence halls being constructed at the former Bigelow/Hoekje site, which will lead to an increase in construction traffic in that area. Other concerns were a noise factor for those living closest to the construction; views from the residence facility, of and from the pond, and from the dining facility windows; possible demolition of an existing valley residence facility; and foot traffic across the bridge. Details will be closely examined.

The facility promises to be energy efficient. Two additional open forums will be held, one in summer after the design is chosen and one in fall to show the final plan.

*Pathway Analysis Report – Kevin P. Martini, Office of Sustainability and Harold Glasser, Executive Director for Campus Sustainability*

Kevin Martini, a graduate student with the Office of Sustainability, presented a Pathways Analysis Report based on best practices of a number of universities and the League of American Bicycling. In 1972 WMU developed a strategic plan for bicycle paths for north/south and east/west on campus but was not developed. The creation of pathways on campus is in alignment with the University's strategic plan with regard to health and wellness and environment sustainability as well as the 2012 Campus Climate Study.

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Ordinance addresses bicycles on campus, but regulations are not consistently enforced nor are there bicycle paths on campus. These disconnects lead to safety issues and a disincentive to cycling.

The League of American Bicycling is based on the five E's: Education, Engineering, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation and Planning. Enforcing and modeling are critical; consistency allows for predictability; infrastructure ties it all together.

Two recommendations were made. Develop pathways for bicycle paths, and develop signage for those pathways. Pathways could be shared with existing roadways or sidewalks, and included in future construction. They would also begin and end at all campus entry and exit points and be included in the transportation network. Inlay signage is the most user-friendly, is highly recommended and would avoid signage "pollution." The project could possibly be interwoven with the campus wayfinding/signage project.

### **Other Business**

Richard Gershon expressed concern regarding the excessive "wash your hands" signs that were posted around campus this winter. Other council members agreed and noted either you were a hand washer or you were not.

Vice President Van Der Kley spoke with regard to the purchase of ten parcels of property on Oakland Drive and Bellevue Avenue. One-time money was used to purchase the parcels. The buildings will be razed, thereby creating green space in the East Campus area.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. by Jan Van Der Kley, seconded by Dean Honsberger. Motion passed.

Joyce Parsons for Linda Poquette  
Recording Secretary