

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 20 January 2015 at 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Carol Adams Shearer (Graduate Student Association), Raja Aravamuthan, Todd Barkman, Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, David Dakin, Kieran Fogarty, Richard Gershon, Lynne Heasley, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Gary Mathews, Dennis McCrumb, Morgan MacFarlane (Western Student Association), Kathleen Langan, Glen (Pat) Langworthy, Colleen Scarff, Jan Van Der Kley and Brad Wagner
Guests: James Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel and Chief Information Officer; Keith Hearit, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Patti Van Walbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance, and Linda Poquette, Business and Finance

Procedural Items

Welcome

Council Chair Kieran Fogarty welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3 p.m.

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 9 December 2014

A motion was made by Van Der Kley to approve the minutes of 9 December 2014, supported by Langworthy. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments – Kieran Fogarty

It was planned to have Kathy Beauregard, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, present to the council. It did not work with her schedule and she will be on the agenda for the meeting in February with the request that she speak on the budget for the Athletic Department. Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, has invited this council to participate in a tour at the final meeting in May 2015. Another future agenda item is the presentation of other budget models by the Budget Model Subcommittee. No recommendations will be made by the subcommittee. Fogarty asked members to email him with any other suggested agenda items.

Information/Discussion Items

Project Updates – David Dakin

ICON – Completion is targeted for 2 February. The icon is surrounded by water and lights, which should be a deterrent for any student to attempt climbing the icon.

Residence Halls – Infrastructure is progressing and furniture selection is complete. The residence halls are scheduled to open fall 2015 and the official name is Western Heights. Freshmen are the primary residents but it is expected it will include some sophomores. Western Heights are the first new residence halls since 1968. Dakin noted that the space is comparable to Western View Apartments and they are larger than Bigelow Hall. However, rooms are not exceptionally large as the purpose is to try to move the students out to integrate with other students. The new residence hall concept is totally different than living in the apartments. In addition to the students using their dining facility, a convenience kitchen is located in the new residence halls.

Van Der Kley added that the Division of Student Affairs went to other universities to compare different models and this is what was chosen to best serve the students now and in the future. The inside materials have the flexibility for reconfiguration that may need to occur in the future. The outside of the building is permanent.

East Hall is currently encased in scaffolding. There is good progress and the Geothermal walls are in place. It is anticipated that East Hall will be completed for the 2015 Homecoming festivities. Dedication plans are scheduled for 12 November 2015.

Kanley Chapel Tower – A new clock is installed and the film is on the inside of the glass, which relates to the art work in Sangren Hall. Gershon added that with the two changes, it made a big improvement. Kanley Chapel will also have new chimes installed and they will not chime at night.

Extended University Programs – The Beltline Facility, near the mall on 28th Street, will be refurbished. The entrance will change to provide more light and new mechanicals will be installed. The project is currently underway. There are two EUP facilities in Grand Rapids. The other facility is downtown. The number of students for each facility is around 2,500. The downtown facility includes clinical space.

Dining Facility – Located on a large parking lot by the Ring Road and is primarily for the students in the Valleys. The parking lot will be replaced by increasing parking in other various spots.

Wesley Foundation will be constructing their own building and, when finished, will move into their new facility. This is not a University project. Old building space will be green space.

College of Aviation – The legislature is focusing on road construction and the College of Aviation did not make the capital outlay list.

Conversation continues regarding a new student center, the renovation of Lawson Ice Arena and a stand-alone Graduate College. Financial constraints exist and many of these plans may not take place.

The Space Allocation Committee manages requests between colleges when space becomes available. Haenicke Hall occupants previously had requested space in Faunce and it was approved. Space Allocation represents academics and campus

community conversation is needed to keep things flowing. If the Haworth College of Business needs space outside of its own building, it would complete a study and go to the Space Committee with its requests. If remodeling is needed, the unit requesting the space must fund the expense.

McCracken – The Pilot Plant paper machinery is housed in McCracken. The rest of the building is shut down. A major utility line goes under the building and an engineering study has been authorized to see what needs to be done to reroute the utility line. Long term planning is needed for this project and it will have to be done in several phases.

After Dakin's report, there was a question on usage of computers. Gilchrist responded that they are using Labstats to monitor how much the lab computers are being used. If a computer lab currently has 135 but only 80 computers are being used, only 80 computers will be replaced. With the use of Labstats, statistics will soon be available on the 115 computer labs. Statistics that are received from Labstats may change the structure of the computer labs for students and there may be some merging of labs. The Office of Information Technology will be taking over public use of the labs in Waldo Library.

Action Item

CPFC – Budget Modeling Subcommittee Selection

Fogarty reported that Kathleen Langan is chairing the Budget Modeling Subcommittee. Budget models will be reviewed and a 5-7 page report completed by this committee is to be presented by the end of the fiscal year.

Other Business

Van Der Kley provided an update on the budget from the State. The governor has talked about restoring the budget. There is a deficit revenue prediction and the legislature is once again talking about another budget cut.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. by Langworthy, seconded by McCrumb.
Motion passed.

Linda Poquette, Recording Secretary