Physical Plant Planning Committee

February 28, 2013

Meeting came to order at 10:30.

Minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved without emendation

In attendance: Douglas Dunham, Steve Fink, Sean Hartnett, Ric Gonzalez, Karl Markgraf, Jason Mattwig, and Susan O’Brien

Absent: John Pollitz

1. There were no sub-committee meeting updates, because no sub-committees had met since the previous meeting.

2. Ric gave an update on the Building Commission activity indicating that the confluence project had been approved and was in pre-planning stages, awaiting approval from the State Building Commission before going into the design phase.

3. Sean raised the issue of the design of the project, suggesting that the design should mimic the configuration of the river and take into consideration pedestrian and bike traffic. A general discussion ensued regarding input from campus and the Physical Plant Planning Committee on the confluence project. Sean Hartnett made a motion, unanimously supported, to request an informational session be made to University Senate by the interim chancellor to present to the campus detailed plan for the Confluence Project and allow for wide campus input and discussion.

4. Ric discussed the challenges presented by the university side of the existing footbridge with traffic and issues related to the planned Garfield Project. The need to integrate bike and pedestrian traffic, eliminate personal vehicles from Garfield, and allow for parking were discussed. City bus access and parking policy related to the Davies Center also came into the discussion.

5. Susan raised a concern regarding a fiberglass problem in the Haas Fine Arts building. Has records indicating that the ductwork material is deteriorating and being delivered into offices and classrooms. She asked about procedures to initiate a remedy. Matt indicated he would alert Susan Harrison and Ric indicated she should contact John Baltes so that he could initiate the process to address this problem.

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karl Markgraf