

UW-Eau Claire University Senate
Physical Plant Planning Committee
Minutes
10/12/2020

Present: Boulter, James E.; Wilson, Katie E.; Markgraf, Jill S. (recorder); Schmidtke, Jackson Harold; Showsh, Sasha A.; Hartnett, Sean; O'Day, Karen M.; Hart-Brinson, Peter K.; Pratt, Linda L.; Strehlau, Renee M.

0) Approval of minutes from 09/12/20

1) Presentation on smoking/vaping policy – Katie Wilson

- Distributed River Falls example
- Smoking continues to be leading cause of preventable death
- 3 main reasons to consider policy
 - Supports clean air
 - Supports people in quitting
 - Supports people in not starting
- Shared some results from last campus wide survey in 2015, which included students, faculty/staff, Sodexo employees
- 2010 Univ. senate voted in support of resolution for smoke-free campus
- 2017 Student senate voted in support of resolution for smoke-free campus
- 2018 Residence Hall Association supported resolution for smoke-free campus (University Staff council hasn't officially weighed in because they didn't exist at time of resolutions)
- Perceived barriers to tobacco free policy:
 - Fears that neighbors will have problems with policy. Other campuses report that these problems decrease over time. Campuses have done outreach with neighborhood associations
 - Fears that it will be stressful for people addicted to nicotine.
 - We already have tobacco cessation programs (patches or gum) for students (funded by student segregated fees).
 - Affordable Care Act and state health insurance include tobacco cessation coverage. Sodexo has similar support.
 - Wisconsin Quit Line is another tobacco cessation support option
- Discussion followed, including questions about relationship between smoking/exposure to secondhand smoke and COVID. Concern about secondhand smoke in air intake vents. Challenges of enforcing policy.

2) Discussion of smoking/vaping policy (incl. smoking areas revisited)

Committee supports pursuit of a tobacco-free campus policy over a policy that redefines smoking areas on campus.

- **Action:** Committee members will reach out to various stakeholders, letting them know that PPPC is considering tobacco-free campus policy, to get their feedback. Katie offered assistance in supporting these conversations as needed:
 - Third Ward Neighborhood Association (Karen)

- Barron campus (Jim)
- University Staff Council (Jackson)
- Senate Exec (Jill)
- Sodexo employees (Katie).

Action: committee members should send Jim email letting him know when these conversations have taken place

3) Discuss agenda items for the upcoming year

a) indoor air quality in campus buildings (postponed due to lack of time)

4) Announcements

a) still need: administrator representative, student representative

5) Adjourned at 3:00