UW-Eau Claire University Senate
Physical Plant Planning Committee
Minutes
11/09/20

Present: Renee Strehlau, Jill Markgraf, Katie Wilson, Sasha Showsh, Karen O’Day, Peter Hart-Brinson, Linda Pratt, Trenton Phillippi, Jim Boulter, Jackson Schmidtke

1. Minutes from 10/26/20 approved as distributed

2. Discussion of the agenda items for the upcoming year
   a) indoor air quality and health in campus buildings (including covid transmission)

      Committee members shared experiences:
      
      Schofield has a mold issue.
      
      Library has mold and leaking issues.
      
      Haas has humidity issues. News was shared about a project to improve the mechanical system for part of the Art wing of Haas.
      
      Schneider has air quality issues.
      
      For every project, Facilities has to address the expenses for every improvement and find sources of funding as well as the issue of taking the building offline for a long period of time and relocate people.

      There was a student campaign to research air quality in dorms. This stopped when Covid started.

      Facilities changed everything possible to maximize existing building ventilation and filtration for Covid response. The committee recommended that Facilities communicate this information widely.

      Jim announced a new ORSP grant with Crispin Pierce to use CO2 monitors to study air exchange rates.

      The PPPC should be involved in any future updates to the Master Plan document – to be consulted on whatever the consultant comes up with in collaboration with Facilities and the Chancellor’s cabinet. The duly elected representatives of governance given oversight for these issues should be intrinsically involved in a way similar to the UPC is to the campus Strategic Plan.

   b) parking (includes planned Hibbard Lot changes; revising/eliminating a historic policy; Library/VLL ADA accessibility)

      Update about Hibbard Lot: to be reconfigured in its present location, especially the entrance/exit to be moved to Garfield with a similar number of stalls as before
Discussion of inadequate ADA spots and access to the library, VLL, and Nursing end of campus. The committee discussed short-term issues for guests of special events as well as employees. The long-term issues will be sent to the Science Building Committee to address, which works with Parking & Transportation.

There is an obsolete parking policy from the 70s that the committee needs to address. Jim will send the text of the policy via email to committee members.

c) new construction/renovation projects (Welcome Center, Science Building, Governor’s Hall, others?)

No new discussion

3. Presentation and discussion of draft tobacco/smoking policy

The draft policy was presented to the committee. Committee members gave first impressions. The draft is available on the Teams site and in email. Committee members agreed to read policy and provide comments before Thursday evening, 11/12 to Jim and Katie. There will be a committee meeting Monday 11/16 to focus on the policy.

The presentation of the draft highlighted the 2 options for the policy under the section Definition: Option 1 “commercial tobacco-free” and Option 2 “smoke- and vape-free campus”

There will be a listening session scheduled before Thanksgiving.

4. New Business

No new business

5. Announcements

a) still need: administrator representative

Jim updated the committee: no update yet from chancellor’s office who will be the administrative rep

6. Adjourn at 2:57pm