

Physical Plant Planning Committee Meeting  
2/26/21  
3:30-4:30  
Teams

Attending: Katie Wilson, Jim Boulter, Jill Markgraf, Jackson Schmidtke, Karen O'Day, Peter Hart-Brinson

Convened: 3:35

- 1) Call to order and select minute-taker—Peter volunteered
- 2) Review meeting minutes—tabled until it can be ascertained whether or not old minutes need to be approved
- 3) Discuss listening session and meeting with University Staff Council on campus commercial tobacco policy—Notes from listening session were circulated and discussed. Concerns from listening session were similar to concerns expressed at University Staff Council meeting (concerns focused on staff member smokers/users, infringements upon them, and side effects of pushing tobacco use off campus). There were problems with people accessing the Zoom listening session. PPPC has received multiple letters and emails of support for the tobacco-free policy from various faculty/staff groups and employees on campus. Recently there was a 12-1 vote in support of a resolution from the UWEC Residence Hall Association for becoming a tobacco free campus. Most recently, an email was received from a Barron County employee suggesting that an update to their campus smoking policy is needed. Discussion of next steps: possibility of phasing out the number of smoking areas on campus as part of the implementation, of holding a new listening session, and/or of formulating a resolution that can be advanced to Senate if PPPC approved. It was agreed that additional listening sessions are not necessary, given the sense that most concerns and issues have likely been communicated to this committee this year. Members present unanimously agreed that Jim, Katie, and Karen will begin drafting a resolution for PPPC consideration regarding the creation of an implementation team that would be tasked with implementing a tobacco-free campus policy.
- 4) Review and discuss committee charge—Discussion of whether or not the language concerning the Membership and Function of PPPC in FASRP is in need of revision. Next meeting, members are invited to bring suggestions about things that should or should not be within this committee's purview, and particular representatives from campus constituencies that should be included in the membership of the committee (e.g. representatives from Barron County).
- 5) Adjourned: 4:35

Minutes submitted by Peter Hart-Brinson