**Council on Campus Planning and Usage (CCPU)**

Friday, December 1, 2017

Chicago Room

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Hal Marchand (Chair), Health Sciences; Chunying Zhao (Secretary), Computer Science; Jongho Lee, Political Science; Erin Taylor, Political Science

**Invited Guests:**

Michael Waters, Medical Chief of Staff, Beu Health Center, Tara Buchannan, Director, Disability Resource Services; Thomas Clark, OPS Police Lieutenant; Briana Hines, WIU Health Sciences student

**Members Absent:**

Roger Viadero, (ex-officio, Landscape Liaison); Jessica Lane (SGA Student Representative); Troy Rhoads, Interim Director, Facilities Management (ex-officio); Amanda Divin, Health Sciences and Social Work; Duke Oursler, Art

**Opening Remarks:**

Hal introduced the members and guests and talked about the mission of the committee. Hal welcomed the guests for attending this meeting.

**Previous Items**: None

**New Items:**

The committee continued to discuss issues and policies related to pets/animals on campus. Hal said the committee should make recommendations for the faculty senate and suggested members and guests discuss the pros/cons of having animals on campus. He gave everyone copies of related policies in other universities.

Erin proposed the question of whether we are dealing with only office areas or residence halls. Dr.Lee emphasized the concerns of liable of the university in the case of dog bites, increased premiums after filing a claim, health issues (allergies), and that it might be a floodgate to faculty and students who want to bring their pets to campus. In addition, faculty do not always have private space.

Tara mentioned that FHA allows service dogs and some emotional support animals on campus in the residence halls. Members also discussed it is hard to discriminate emotional support animals and service animals. Students need to get approval from doctors. Tara also said anyone who is able to prescribe medicine could provide such forms.

Briana Hines said some students having pets actually moved out of the residence hall. Members also discussed the range of animals. Tara mentioned there is no limitation of types of animals as long as they do not eat other animals. Tom did research online and talked about the ADA policies from San Francisco. He also mentioned regulations from the McDonough County Animal Shelter. Erin proposed certain breeds of animal with less allergies might be allowed and certain breeds are not. If allowed, the animals from a pre-selected list should pass a rigorous test (good citizen test) and pay for a certain fee. Hal also discussed the cost and staffing requirement if pets are allowed. Members and guests also discussed that the policy need to conform to city and state rules. Another possible solution is having a single floor in the building that allows animals. Dr. Waters also shared a document regarding potential medical problems with pets on campus.

Hal thanked the guests for attending this meeting.

**Action Items for next meeting**:

The members will meet in February 2, 2018 in the Chicago Room.