

Council on Campus Planning and Usage (CCPU)  
Friday, December 6, 2013  
Chicago Room, University Union  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Kelsey Bryant, Scott Coker, Ray Diez, Brett Eberhardt, Jeff Laurent  
(Chair/Recorder), Paul Schlag

1. Review Minutes of November Meeting

The minutes for the November meeting were reviewed. Ray moved and Kelsey seconded that the minutes be accepted as filed. Motion was approved.

2. Old Business

•*Texting While Driving on Campus*

The summary document with recommendations that was reviewed by the Committee at the last meeting was forwarded to the Faculty Senate. Discussion of this document was placed on the agenda for the November 19 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Chair informed the Secretary of the Faculty Senate of a scheduling conflict. The CCPU report was put at the end of a long agenda so that the Chair could be present. The Faculty Senate meeting went more quickly than anticipated. The meeting was completed by the time the Chair arrived.

The Chair of the Faculty Senate presented the memo from CCPU to the Senate. The determination was made to continue the discussion at the first spring Executive Committee meeting of the Senate on January 14 and consider best options based upon CCPU's report and feedback from senators.

•*Landscape Liaison*

The Chair of the Faculty Senate contacted the person CCPU had suggested to fill the role of landscape liaison to the Committee. This person declined. CCPU generated two additional names for consideration, Roger Viadero (Institute of Environmental Studies) and Mark Bernards (Agriculture). These names will be forwarded to the Chair of the Faculty Senate.

3. Reports

•*Master Plan Implementation Team (MPIT)*

The Chair reported on the November 11, 2013 meeting of the MPIT facilitated by Ted Renner. An overview of the areas and goals of the MPIT was provided. Basically, the MPIT is interested in tactical (short-term) and strategic (long-term) renovations that can enhance the student experience. Given the current budget situation, the theme is doing more with less, better. Current projects that are underway or completed were presented (e.g., electrical infrastructure, grand entry, University Union renovations), as were planned projects (e.g., restoration of Sherman Hall cupola and soffits, Hanson Field west side, replacing the floor in Western Hall). The charge for the MPIT is to

identify priorities within the Master Plan, help shepherd projects through the completion, and communicate with the campus concerning the “how” and “why” of projects. With respect to the first point (i.e., identifying priorities), the MPIT would like to obtain broad input from the campus regarding projects they would like to see addressed.

The Strategic Building Renovation Matrix (pp. 1106-107) of the Master Plan will act as a guide: [http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/fm/\\_documents/master\\_plan/final/2013-0429\\_WIU\\_Master\\_Plan\\_Report.pdf](http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/fm/_documents/master_plan/final/2013-0429_WIU_Master_Plan_Report.pdf).

#### 4. New Business

##### •*Higgins Hall*

Ray suggested that the University consider informing residents of Jana Rd about their plans for demolition Higgins Hall. Some residents have expressed concerns about whether the same implosion method as employed to take down Wetzel will be used. Scott noted that the method to demolish Higgins has not been determined. Because of the cost involved, Higgins will not be demolished for a while.

The use of the land available after Higgins is demolished also was discussed. At one time the Master Plan mentioned the possibility of apartment houses. Ray questioned whether condominiums might be constructed instead. He noted that condos on campus were popular with retirees and alumni at the University of North Dakota. Whether the new science building might also influence the use of the land was mentioned. Scott noted that the process of a design study for the new science building was in progress so that a capital request can be submitted to the State.

##### •*Handicap Accessibility Issues*

Ray suggested that it might be helpful to have numbers on the tiles on the floors in front of the elevators on campus indicating the floor.

Ray also noted that the handicap door button on the south door of Knoblauch is inaccessible to people in wheelchairs. Scott will have Facilities Management check on this and remedy the situation.

Ray noted that Malpass Library is not accessible except from the north side for people in wheelchairs (i.e., there is only one entrance). Scott noted that Malpass is ADA compliant. He also stated the library entrances would not be designed the way they are if the building were to be built today.

##### •*Tour of University Union Renovations*

The meeting concluded with Scott providing CCPU members with a tour of the renovations to infrastructure and Lamoine Room/1864 Bistro/Murray Street Café portions of the Union.