

Council on Campus Planning and Usage (CCPU)

MINUTES

Friday, December 7, 2018

2 – 2:35 PM

Chicago Room, University Union

PRESENT: Fetene Gebrewold (Public Health), Jongho Lee (Political Science/Secretary), Troy Rhoads (Facilities Management/ex-officio), Tom Sadler (Economics), Erin Taylor (Political Science/Chair)

ABSENT: Duke Oursler (Art), Katharine Pawelko (RPTA), Roger Viadero (Environmental Studies/ex-officio)

At the beginning of the meeting, the previous meeting's minutes were approved unanimously. Taylor then asked Rhoads to give the committee an update on the on-going and future facilities management projects. Rhoads reported that various deferred maintenance projects will continue to be considered in January 2019. Such projects would focus primarily on roofing, piping, and chiller issues that have affected several campus buildings. He emphasized that other issues, including electrical issues that have affected Sherman Hall would also be looked closely at.

Sadler asked about the total amount of budget for the maintenance projects and how to prioritize different projects. According to Rhoads, about 9.5 million dollars from the state would be used to cover several deferred maintenance projects. He also stated that 6 or 7 important criteria, such as usage, safety, cost, and desirability, have been employed to prioritize maintenance projects.

Gebrewold talked about the possibility that several campus buildings might be decommissioned in the future, which would in turn reduce maintenance costs. He also pointed out that some places on campus do not seem to have adequate lighting. Rhoads indicated that an issue of this nature would be promptly addressed if it meets the aforementioned criteria.

While noting that snow on the parking lots and sidewalks across campus was plowed in a timely manner, Taylor asked about other problems caused by a recent winter storm in the area. Rhoads indicated that with the help of janitorial staff, 12 campus maintenance crew members did their best to clear snow and ice from different parts of campus to ensure the safety of students and staff.

As the last business item for the meeting, Taylor distributed copies of an updated version of the questionnaire for the CCPU Faculty Space Needs Survey. This latest version of the questionnaire included a single question item proposed by the Council for Instructional Technology (CIT). Rather than fielding a separate survey, CIT wanted to piggyback on the CCPU Survey with the

approval from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The latest version of the questionnaire with the additional question item proposed by CIT was unanimously approved. Taylor stated that the CCPU survey will be conducted shortly after the spring semester of 2019 begins.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM.