Council on Campus Planning and Usage

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2011

Members Present: Miriam Satern, Rafael Obregon, Dana Lindemann, David Rohall, Linda Zellmer, Jacob Woodworth, Eric Ribbens, and Scott Coker. Absent: Lynn Thompson.

Committee Chair Miriam Satern welcomed Dr. Ken Hawkinson, Associate Provost. Dr. Hawkinson discussed the projects currently under way on campus and projects that are on the agenda for the near future. He said the priority for determining which projects are funded and the order in which they are funded address the following criteria:

1. Safety – he mentioned that Currens will undergo renovations in the near future because the current Chemistry labs are a safety concern for the faculty and students using them. He also said the 3D art facility is in need of repair and is high on the priority list.
2. Support of New Programs – Engineering and Nursing are two new programs that are receiving extra funding to get them up and running.
3. Recruiting New Students – programs/facilities that are attractive to potential students receive a higher priority.

When asked about Dr. Hawkinson’s view of the role CCPU should play in Campus Planning and Usage, he suggested the committee should serve as a sounding board for the Master Plan Implementation Team (MPIT). He also stated he felt that someone from the Provost’s Office should be invited to attend at least one CCPU meeting a year to update committee members on current projects and to seek their input on future projects.

Scott Coker reported that he plans to hold two meeting per semester of the MPIT during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The committee worked on the FAQ page at the end of the meeting, but determined that work on this initiative would need to carry over into the 2011-2012 academic year because the page is not yet ready to launch. After discussing how to launch the page when it is completed, it was decided we should contact Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Office Manager, to ask her about linking the page to the Faculty Senate website (see: http://www.wiu.edu/FacultySenate/). It was also decided to send an e-mail blast to the faculty informing them of the availability of the page when it is ready, and to possibly consolidate the information on the page in a manner similar to University Technology’s KnowledgeBase (see: [http://www.wiu.edu/university\_technology/ knowledgebase.php](http://www.wiu.edu/university_technology/%20knowledgebase.php) and <https://rightanswers.wiu.edu/portal/public/>).

Miriam told the committee that she would write the annual report of the year’s activities over the summer to present to the Faculty Senate at its first meeting in the fall. Eric Ribbens asked to have the following information from the Landscaping Committee included in the CCPU annual report: the University has decided to have a representative of every species native to Illinois represented somewhere on campus. Tara Beal and he are conducting an inventory to identify which species are not yet represented. Eric estimates that we are currently 30-40 species away from meeting this goal.

Recorder: Miriam Satern