

## Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee

**November 8, 2016 – 10:00AM – 5925 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI  
48202 Conference Room 150.2**

### Minutes

Present: S. Calkins, K. Conely, J. Fitzgibbon, M. Fracassa, P. Hook, T. Leff, S.A. Ozgun-Koca, L. Pile, M. Samson, D. Hubbard

Guests: J. Artiss, Cindy Salud

Absent with notice: T.R. Reddy, H. Wyatt Jr.

Absent: R. Laith, A. Rothe, S. Putatunda, J. Withey

- I. Child care facility update – Joe Artiss
  - a. The committee members include Joe, Sharon Lean, Loreleigh Keashly, Diana Goode, Anna Miller, two undergraduate students to be named, two graduate students to be named.
  - b. The University is looking to establish a public/private partnership. An RFP will be developed and sent out.
  - c. The committee is holding meetings with three potential vendors for initial discussions.
  - d. Three locations are under consideration as identified by FP&M.
    - i. New residence halls under construction – will have drop off/pick up area, next to proposed site of student health center, outdoor green space, though shaded, is available, earliest open date is 2018
    - ii. University Towers retail space along Anthony Wayne Drive – green space is available, could be ready earlier than 2018, drop off/pick up area would likely have to take place in designated area along street
    - iii. Donaldson House – currently unoccupied University owned residence building with historic value, alley behind could be used for drop off/pick up, will need major remodel/renovation work
- II. TravelWayne update - Joe Artiss
  - a. The committee headed by Ken Doherty and Jim Barbret has yet to meet. Joe suggested that they be invited to attend a future FSST committee meeting.
  - b. Linda Beale from Policy Committee is aware of the lack of progress toward discussion of the concerns by faculty and staff regarding the travel and expenses policy.
- III. Learning Management Systems evaluation – Daren Hubbard, AVP C&IT, and Cindy Sulad, Director, Learning Management Systems Support

- a. A committee, that currently includes two members of the Academic Senate, is evaluating Blackboard, the current system in use by WSU, as well as other systems. The evaluation is being done in part due to the poor performance of Blackboard at the beginning of the semester and as Blackboard will be updating their system, so this is a possible time to change to something new.
- b. A survey was sent to users last fall and 190 responses were received. Most users were satisfied or very satisfied with Blackboard. 50% of the respondents suggested to look at alternatives. Respondents were from all colleges except Engineering and Law.
- c. In Michigan, about 30% of universities use Blackboard, 30% Brightspace, 30% Canvas and 10% Moddle. For Urban Universities, about 63% use Blackboard, 17% Brightspace and 11% Canvas.
- d. With regards to Blackboard, a new platform, Ultra, will be available to possibly replace the current Learn platform. Ultra has fewer utilities. A concern is that Learn will be replaced altogether.
- e. An RFI/RFP is being developed to be sent to possible vendors.
- f. The committee is looking for members to help in evaluation. Members of FSST that would like to be on the committee should contact Daren Hubbard.
- g. Students are involved. They were sent a survey for evaluation and have been contacted to provide feedback.
- h. The cost of each system under consideration is fairly similar at about 250K/year dependent on enrollment numbers.

#### IV. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- a. Update/participation of liaison from the office of Facilities, Planning and Management
  - i. Harry Wyatt, Jr., AVP for the Office of Facilities, Planning and Management, has agreed to serve as a second Administrative Liaison to the FSST Committee and will begin attending meetings as his schedule allows starting December.
- b. New student housing
  - i. In mid-October, Lou Romano and Linda Beale from Policy Committee met with the initial planning team. They expressed concerns about the proposed appearance of the building and the need to consider the space for a Child Care Facility.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A suggestion was made to tour the Police Department Headquarters, headed by Chief Holt, for a future meeting of FSST

#### VII. Tour of C&IT Data Center

- a. Laura Hendrick, Senior Director, Infrastructure & Operations, led the tour of the facility

VIII. ADJOURNMENT