

Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee

October 9, 2013

Minutes

Present: J. Artiss, J. Sawasky, R. Ackerman, I Avrutsky, K. Kumasi, B. Madigan. H. Matthew, T.R. Reddy, J. Withey.

Guest: R. Dunbar

Absent with Notice: M. Barnes, R. Marback, B. Morrow, K-H Yang

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Meeting began at 10:00AM.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2013, 10:00AM, Rm. 1270 FAB

J. Sawasky informed the meeting that he was seeking input from various faculty members and groups in advance of selecting a new telephone provider for the University. There will be an introductory session held twice, November 5 between 1:15PM and on November 6 between 11:00AM and Noon. I. Avrutsky and J. Withey volunteered to attend one of the meetings and to report back to the committee at our next meeting.

Richard Dunbar, Professional Temporary, University Libraries-Administration, joined the meeting on behave of Dean Sandra Yee to discuss renovations to the second floor of Manoogian Hall. There are thirty classrooms that are being gutted and rebuilt. A committee of heavy users of these classrooms has been assembled and in response to Mr. Dunbar's request for FSST committee input H. Matthew agreed to attend, represent and report back to FSST. There was some discussion around the pros and cons of chalk, white and smart boards. J. Sawasky commented that the faculty, Academic Senate and Policy Committee have had influence in the prioritization of capital expenditures for renovations, citing changes made to WSU's plans last year after Senate feedback was sought.

I. Avrutsky raised the issue of power outages in the Engineering building and their adverse effects on freezer storage temperature sensitive samples. J. Artiss reported that it was his understanding of remarks made by the Provost at a recent Policy Committee meeting that the University is planning to change power providers but that the process would take an estimated two years to complete. J. Sawasky added that FP&M were just beginning the process of identifying the priorities for the changeover.

The committee then addressed the list of suggestions that were provided by Academic Senate President Lou Romano:

1. *Capital Outlays Budget Request (Contact: Rick Nork). This is the list and justification we send to the state each year to request new buildings. Need to address this at first meeting as request goes to the state in October.*
 - a. J. Sawasky agreed to contact R. Nork.
2. *Parking (Contact: Jon Fredrick, Jim Sears, Lou Romano) See what major repairs are planned, determine how the real time parking capacity software program is working, ask about parking structure maintenance, possible "free" parking for students—parking included in Student Activity Fee on a per credit basis.*
 - a. J. Artiss agreed to seek further clarification from L. Romano.
3. *Computing, desk phones (Contact: Joe Sawasky) Ask about the reorganization for computing, the status of the new reporting structures for departmental and college computing staff. Suggestions are being made to Faculty to get rid of desk phones and use personal cell phones for WSU business. This seems inappropriate without compensation.*
 - a. This item was partially addressed earlier in the meeting. In addition J. Sawasky announced a reorganization of C&IT and will arrange for a ten minute PP on the changes to be presented at the next meeting.
4. *Medical School issues (e.g., space utilization, shipping and receiving, liquid nitrogen, dry ice, purchasing, etc.).*
 - a. J. Artiss agreed to seek further clarification from L. Romano.
5. *Report on new building construction, MBRB, student center, undergraduate lab classroom, fountain project (Contact Rick Nork, Jim Sears) A joint committee made recommendations regarding the undergraduate lab building, unclear what will be done. Fountain project has no budget, what is the plan now?*
 - a. J. Artiss agreed to contact Jim Sears to request an update.
6. *State Hall renovation (contact Rick Nork, Margaret Winters) The senate recommended in 2013 that State Hall be completely renovated making it a state of the art teaching facility. Nork agreed to have a joint committee formed to address this. Should work with C and I on this.*
 - a. J. Artiss agreed to contact Provost Winters in regard to this matter.
7. *Master Plan (Contact Rick Nork) The master plan developed in 1998 was updated twice, in 2008 and 2012. The committee should review these plans and determine if we need to do a completely new master plan.*
 - a. J. Artiss agreed to request clarification from L. Romano and to follow up with Jim Sears on this matter.