

Agenda

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee

Thursday March 19, 2015 3:00pm

272 Hillman Library

Attending: C. Coat, M. Curtis, J. Fink, D. DeJong, I. Frieze, K. Harries, K. Kelly, P. Mathay, P. Munro, T. Olanyk, P. Roncevich, J. Streets, J. Sukits, P. Weiss

Minutes: Feb. meeting moved by T. Olanyk second P. Weiss approved unanimously

1. Updates: Sustainability Working Group led by Dan Marcinko. Republic Recycling is currently operating under a provisional contract. Each loading dock is being analyzed, awaiting results of audit to determine configuration of new system. Most likely a single stream system will be adopted. An audit is under review for standardization of recycling containers focusing on procurement and placement.
2. Report from Office of the University Registrar presentation on Course and Classroom Scheduling, (Patricia Mathay, University Registrar and Chris Coats, Assistant Registrar): Presentation is to explain X25 Scheduling Software including functionality and statistical applications.

a. P. Mathay reported that overall the temporary classroom use of Alumni Hall during David Lawrence renovations has been better than anticipated, minimal issues for students and faculty. David Lawrence work will be completed by end of summer, work will have taken only 2 years, an unprecedented achievement. 3 brand new unique classroom spaces will be available this fall as sample classrooms for CBA, A&S and Eng., Furniture and room design allows for reconfiguration.

b. C. Coat presented on X25 class scheduling software. 25 live is available to students and faculty via PeopleSoft. Images of classrooms are now available via the software, Registrar is continuing to upload images to include 360 view of each classroom. Currently pulling all Registrar Control rooms (104) and Departmental Priority rooms (104) info into system so that analytic reports can be prepared. Registrar access is not provided to Department Controlled rooms (179), so these are not included. Analytics should help departments to distribute class so students have more options. Software will be useful in analyzing how effectively classrooms are being used and which are underutilized. Registrar now has the ability to answer questions but waiting for Provost and Deans to ask specific questions.

3. Joe Fink reported on repairs to the WPU porch
4. Faculty Assembly Meeting
Discussion regarding the *Statement on Classroom Climate* defeated 9-18-8 by Faculty Assembly 3/17/15. Discussion was lively regarding the K. Barlow *University Times* article, "*Faculty Debate Classroom 'Climate' Statement*", <http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=34836>. P. Weiss contacted reporter Kim Barlow as she felt that the article missed the tone of the discussion and was somewhat

condescending. Several PUP members acknowledged P. Weiss' handling of the issue at Assembly and her attempts to keep the focus on civility and creative solutions. Discussion continued as to how to proceed. Senate President M Spring asked that the resolution be brought back yet provided no guidance. The majority of the committee members present agreed that the issue still had merit and expressed interest in continuing to work upon the issue; a minority disagreed. P Weiss expressed appreciation for work by members on the issue but indicated that there is no clear way to proceed in the wake of the Assembly defeat.

5. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by P. Roncevich