

Faculty Senate Plant Utilization and Planning Committee Meeting Jan. 16, 2014  
Minutes

Present: Jim Becker, Joe Fink, Irene Frieze, Kristin Gusten, Kent Harries, Michael Jandrasits, Susanna Leers, Dan Marcinko, William Mitchell, Paul Munro, Joseph Newsome, Michael Ramsey, Mark Scott, Eli Shorak, Pat Weiss, John Wilds, Laura Zullo

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved.

1. Old Business/updates/announcements:

- The committee chairs will deliver their annual report to the Faculty Assembly at their April 29, 2014 meeting.
- Read Green : the emailed announcements are now the default for University announcements, though print notifications remain an option for those who wish.
- The First Annual Report on Sustainability is being prepared by Facilities Management and the printer's proofs were shown to the committee.
- Eli Shorak told the committee that the University is looking at a variety of possibilities for the space in Amos Hall that became vacant when PNC Bank moved its office to Nordenberg Hall.

2. Presentation: 12 Year Plan from the Provost's Office

Kristin Gusten gave an excellent presentation on the Provost's most recent 12 year plan and the support it requires from University facilities. The broad areas of support are in instruction, research, and student life. Facilities are constantly undergoing renovation based on the changing instructional needs of the university and the changing availability of new technologies. Wise and harmonious use of space is also an important consideration in renovating and building decisions. Ms. Gusten included comprehensive and detailed information on recent and upcoming facilities plans from the Provost's office.

3. Presentation: Recycling at Pitt

William Mitchell of Facilities Management provided a thought-provoking presentation about recycling at Pitt. He reviewed data showing how recycling at Pitt has improved dramatically over the past several years. Recycling is now not just part of the custodial program at Pitt but also of all facilities-related projects. The entire Pitt community is encouraged to participate in recycling.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

The next PUP meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2014.