

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014

Attending: Pat Weiss, Pat Roncevich, Susanna Leers, Joseph Streets, Maureen Reynolds, Kristin Gusten, Tracey Olanyk, John Wilds, Dan Marcinko, Dan Fisher, Joe Fink, Laura Zullo, Kent Harries, Joe Newsome, Dave DeJong, Irene Frieze, Eli Shorak, Paul Supowitz, Jim Becker, Mario C. Browne

Call to Order: Pat Weiss called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Updates:

- Tracey Olanyk has agreed to co-chair the PUP committee with Pat
- Schedule for “Secretary for the day” has been distributed to elected members. Thank you to all who volunteered.
- Jeanine Buchanich has agreed to be the PUP representative to the University Planning and Budgeting Committee. Concern was expressed about her not being able to attend PUP meetings which may make it difficult to convey PUP information.

PUP Goals:

- Pat was asked to present committee goals at the University Senate Expanded Executive Committee meeting on October 13. 5 goals were drafted and emailed to all (see attached document).
- Question was raised if new Chancellor might want changes? Response: We are still operating under current facilities plan through 2018
- Goals can be a work in progress. Please email Pat with any questions or concerns.

Old Business:

- Follow-up on classroom housekeeping issues. Pat asked to table this until faculty involved in the issue are in attendance.

Provost’s Office Sustainability Initiatives: (Presentation by Kristin Gusten)

- Provost wants to complement current operations through
 - Raising awareness of students/faculty/staff
 - Setting a foundation for moving forward
- Information available at www.sustainable.pitt.edu
- Sustainability Task Force – has 20 members across multiple disciplines set goals for
 - Education
 - Development of related programs and courses
 - Undergraduate summer research project
 - Matching funds program
 - Up to \$10,000 for workshops

- 8 already approved
 - Upcoming Jonas Salk Centenary Symposium. Information at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/salk
- Research
 - Faculty fellowship - \$25,000 for 1 year
 - MCSI seed grants
- Student Efforts
 - PittServes – new office through the Provost’s office
 - Student Office of Sustainability
 - Sustainability Solutions Competition
 - One Pitt, One Planet Sustainability IDEAS – see website www.sustainable.pitt.edu
 - Guinness Book of World Records on hand to certify torchlit image
 - Students also trying to break world record for clothing donations for recycling

Facilities Management Report

- 8 buildings now LEED certified, 6 gold, 2 silver
- Pursuing 8 more; criteria change all the time, so cannot be sure what level of certification for each
- Received BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association) Sustainability Award for property management in reducing energy usage 50% from 2003 national average
- Participating in Green Building Alliance, Oakland district with CMU and UPMC
- Sustainable Solutions
- Helium Recovery Program
- Internet 2 – 4 electric vehicles measuring energy use throughout the campus
- Waste & Recycling
 - Out for contract, but Republic seems to be preferred provider
 - Conducted waste audit in September in all buildings on campus
 - Republic Services using audit results for their recommendations
 - Audit will help in decisions about types of receptacles
- Working with Sustainability Initiative
- Updates:
 - Dedicated the Nordenberg benches outside the Chancellor’s office in the Cathedral of Learning
 - Conversion and modernization of elevators in Cathedral of Learning –in progress, 8 total will be destination-based
 - “Big Dig” new chilled water lines being installed to Heinz Chapel and eventually to Bellefield
 - Salk Hall – looking for completion early 2015; landscape and streetscape to be completed soon
 - Clapp Hall renovations underway
 - Parran hall – bids going out

- Chevron hall – bids going out
- Lawrence hall – next summer completion
- Posvar hall – escalators project
- Nationality rooms – CIDDE technology delivery is determining candidate rooms for upgrades
- New Salk building is an option for December PUP field trip

Other Business:

- Eli Shorak gave updates on other projects going on around campus
 - AT&T store opened in Nordenberg hall
 - “Tech-tober” lunch on October 23 at University store
 - 3 sites being looked at for residential development
 - Forbes Ave at Craft – former Allegheny County Health Drpt Bldg
 - Blvd of Allies at Bates & Zulema
 - Former Schenley High School building

Adjournment: Pat Weiss adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Maureen Reynolds
Secretary for the day

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee, University Senate

Patricia Weiss, Chair

Mission Statement (revised October 24, 2013):

The Plant Utilization and Planning Committee advises the University Senate on matters concerning the physical infrastructure and environs of the University. Its responsibilities include reviewing the capital budget and plans for new construction; monitoring the renovation and maintenance of existing facilities; advising on issues of safety and accessibility on campus; supporting safe, responsible means of transportation; investigating the utilization of space and energy; encouraging and monitoring prudent use of all physical resources; reviewing the design and renovation of classrooms and research facilities; and advising on projects that affect the quality of life of the University and associated communities. The Committee provides for faculty, student, and staff involvement in carrying out its mission and reports to, as required, the Faculty Assembly, the Senate Council, and the officers of the University Senate.

Major Accomplishments from AY 2013-2014

1. **Updated mission statement to cover** safety, accessibility, transportation, and research facilities as well as classrooms
2. **Reoriented committee's focus toward overall sustainability**, including establishment of new campus Sustainability Working Group PUP had requested
3. **Improved committee's understanding of key elements in Facilities' approach to energy conservation management** by requesting presentations on steam/chilled water system and environmental metering, analysis, and control
4. **Annual conversation with Registrar** about current classroom scheduling challenges

Major Goals for AY 2014-2015

1. **Advocate for improvements in recycling system**, including standardized containers and signage and increased visibility and publicity.
2. Monitor faculty concerns regarding **cleanliness and maintenance of classrooms**.
3. Monitor current **challenges with classroom scheduling**.
4. Maintain **familiarity with physical facilities and information systems** that are the current basis of the University's plan for sustainable and efficient operations.
5. Encourage continuing **support for sustainability-oriented events** on campus, university **participation in local and national sustainability competitions**, and increased Pitt visibility in **national rankings of campus "greenness."**