

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2012

Present: Patricia Weiss, Jeanine Buchanich, Joshua Cochran, Joe Fink, Laura Zullo, Kristen Gusten, Eli Shorak, Mark Scott, Nancy Baker, John Wilds, Susanna Leers, Paul Munro, Irene Frieze, Tracey Olanyk

The February minutes, written by Paul Munro, were approved.

There was discussion of our visit to the new high security labs recently completed in Crawford Hall. We also visited the greenhouse at Langley. Committee members reported enjoying the opportunity to make this visit.

Plant Utilization and Planning report was made to Faculty Assembly on Jan 24th. There was much discussion of traffic concerns, PAT cutbacks, adding more bicycle racks, new building security procedures, and fitness facilities. For input on bicycle racks, contact Kevin Sheehey at ksheehey@bc.pitt.edu

Buck was not able to give the update on the Sustainability subcommittee so Laura Zullo filled in-

- They saw a slide show of the changes and construction at Chevron Science center. This slide show will play on a kiosk on the ground floor of the building.
- They also talked about the Princeton review and full page add that will appear in the april Earth day issue.

Joe Fink reported on updates on building renovations and construction.

-They are currently discussing the process to bid out the Elevator project in the Cathedral of Learning and working on an RFP. They are looking for a way to get the best technology and most efficient system. The State is on board with supporting this project. In the fall they will do a traffic study of the CL to figure out phasing for the project.

-Salk Hall addition- they are building a retaining wall behind it. in May they hope to have foundations in the completion date is scheduled to be Spring 2014.

-The Graduate School of Public Health is scheduled to be completed Dec. 2013.

-Midcampus project- Nuclear Physics will be worked on this summer. Allen Hall is designed and bid.

-Benedum Hall- Demo of 7th floor- Aug completion date. Renovation of the 8th floor should be done March 2013.

-New freshman housing- the steel frame is going up. It's scheduled to be done Fall 2013. They will need to close University Place Completely and one lane of Fifth Ave. to accommodate 2 cranes for masonry. The sidewalk will remain open.

-There are webcams on the construction at Salk, GSPH, and the new freshman housing. Facilities will put a link on their website so people can watch the construction progress.

-In April they have a Property and Facilities meeting to discuss Chevron and renovating more classrooms/labs before Fall classes start.

-The book center is relocating in July. They are aiming for April/May 2013 for opening the renovated book center.

There was a general question about traffic on Fifth Avenue and the effect of the new building on it. There will be a new traffic light at University Place and Fifth. There will be bump outs and a count down.

And overall Oakland traffic concerns will be looked at after that is done to see if it has an impact. They are also closing up the WPU entrance on Fifth and replacing the railing along Fifth Ave.

John Wilds talked to us about the question of overcrowding of PAT busses, especially in August. They are calling for a 35% reduction in service. The State Legislature is trying to support the Port Authority. PAT bought 55 new articulated buses which seems to be working well with helping alleviate overcrowding of heavily used routes. We are two weeks away from a tap only system- there will be no button back up anymore.

The city is refreshing crosswalk lines this spring and filling potholes.

We then heard from Joshua Cochran, Director, Integrated Security Department.

- By the end of the semester all buildings will have upgraded security systems. The security upgrades were paid for with capital funds. They have perimeter and floor separations for the buildings. They are currently finishing the last 4/5 buildings, then it will be a cycling to upgrade. And the infrastructure is now in place for future upgrades.

- the security systems are run on campus ID's. And only the research facilities have proximity readers.

- Joshua is responsible for the physical aspect of the security systems- design and implementation. Access controls, cameras, automatic fencing, lighting plans in relation to safety and emergency phone placement. Utilizing the security stuff is the University's Police responsibility.

- There was a question about the Posvar parking garage. And it is a separate entity. The stairwell is open 7-11, but if the University is closed- the doors will be locked.

- Joshua created the SWAT box concept- it's a place where you can store on location a master credentialing for that building. The box can be released remotely by University Police. We are the only ones in the world with this technology on the outside of the buildings and for just about every building on campus.

- he is working on notifications- and audible over alarm system to alert people to evacuate or that they are in a lock down.

- lost cards are your responsibility. You should report lost cards. You should e-mail your system administrator center person and tell them to deactivate your card, then go to Panther Central to let them know (for your Port Authority access and Panther funds) and get a replacement.

- there are over 500 cameras and 7,000 control points and when they are done it will be another 5,000. The video policy is on the Police website.

There was discussion about whether or not the next meeting should be in April or May or next fall? TBA

Meeting was adjourned.