

Plant Utilization and Planning Meeting minutes

10-20-2010

Introductions were made.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Building updates-

New student housing on 5th ave.

-still looking at basic design of building, will be freshmen housing with possible retail space on 1st floor, looking for business that meet the needs for students, staff and faculty, design should be done by early summer, building complete by Fall 2013.

Makenzie-Michell- presenting the design process and plans for open discussion at next SuSC meeting (Nov. 4th). Students are also involved in the design process as well as focus groups.

Pitt has almost enough beds for 50% of undergrad students- this is a very high number for an urban campus.

Currently looking for a process to renovate the book center

-want operations to continue to be run by university, current location is good, look at entire quad area for renovations/changes, will start design phases over next couple of months, book center will need to fill more of a gap than traditional book store (someone suggested we look at the University of Nebraska and Stanford book centers as examples), the book center is getting the Espresso machine from the University Library System- it will provide a way to print on demand out of print and vanity titles, there is also an interest to host events to bring people in- book readings, book clubs...members are asked to think about design layouts and events that could better utilize the book center space for students, staff and faculty.

Other projects that are still in process

-Bouquet Gardens project is coming along, as well as the addition to Chevron, Benedum Hall- the first phase has been completed and they are bidding out the second phase, sports complex- the baseball field is in, the support building is in front, they are starting on the soccer field (it will all be artificial turf), they are out to bid on the Salk Hall addition, still working on GSPH- possibly bid in Spring, Crawford model lab for students- in design stages now.

5th Ave. bus lane safety- brought up at expanded Senate Executive Committee, there was concern for pedestrians crossing in that area- especially with the possible route redirects that are up and coming,

someone brought up an idea for an audible alert when buses are coming- the technology set up and costs for that might be prohibitive.

Stolen items from Student areas- most of the thefts were not forced entry but rather people not paying attention and leaving things out in the open, lots of precautionary actions were not taken- which makes it harder for police/security, computers were not engraved or computraced (free program from CSSD), security is standard for external doors- with regular upgrades (like the swipe locks), but there is no policy on internal door locks and security code updating- it was suggested that security could send out a flyer/newsletter about changing lock combos or maybe an info sheet with best practices on when to change combo locks or who should have access.

SuSC update from Buck-

Talked about the possibility for a sustainability orientation for new students/staff to go over best practices.

Questioned if there should be a sustainability or environmental requirement for students? But it was decided that it was impossible because the university doesn't offer enough classes to meet that need.

Mackie-Mitchell meeting/ open session.

Michael Pinsky reported that the Chancellor wants to create a sustainability coordinator position using someone from a pool of people who are all currently working with sustainability issues in addition to their current job duties (not a new job).

Meeting was concluded.

Next meeting TBA.