1. Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Miller, Co-Chair
Dave Beck, Co-Chair

Debbie Miller called the meeting to order at 2:03pm and welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the PUP Committee for AY 2021. She provided an overview of the standing agenda items for AY 2021 which includes (1) placeholder for University updates re: COVID plans and (2) Executive Session, if needed. All participants introduced themselves and their role in the committee.


David Delong provided a brief overview of University plans and processes in place operate safely and effectively for all faculty, staff and students amid the COVID pandemic.

3. June 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval Status

Dave Beck, Co-Chair

Debbie Miller announced that the June 2020 minutes were approved electronically by the AY 2020 PUP Committee members and will be posted on the Senate website.

David Beck, Co-Chair introduced that the order of agenda items 4. 5. and 6. would be modified to facilitate discussion and planning for AY 2021. He reversed #4 and #6. Dave Beck reviewed the Senate Charge to Committees regarding Social Justice imperative and reviewed it with the committee. He proposed that each monthly presentation/discussion topic include information that relates initiatives/actions to its impact on social justice. The committee members agreed with the recommendation.

The PUP Committee Mission Statement was reviewed by the committee. Participants engaged in meaningful discussion as to whether or not the Mission Statement should be amended to more explicitly speak to social justice. The following amendment to the opening sentence was proposed:

Mission Statement

“The Plant Utilization and Planning Committee advises the University Senate on matters concerning the physical infrastructure and environs of the University and their use in safe, responsible, equitable and inclusive manners. 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.”
Following discussion, Debbie Miller made a motion to amend the PUP Committee Mission Statement as written. Paul Munro seconded the motion. A call for further discussion was made. There was no further discussion offered. Elected members were asked to vote “YES” or “NO” via the Zoom feature. There were seven (7) votes in support of the amendment, two (2) opposed to the amendment and one member did not vote. The motion to amend passed.

Following the review and approval to amend the Mission Statement, the committee reviewed the meeting calendar of topics for presentation and discussion. There were no recommendations to change the calendar.

4. AY 2021 Meeting Calendar Approval  
5. Review and Approval of Committee Mission Statement  
6. Faculty Senate Social Justice Imperative  
7. Executive Session when applicable

Dave Beck asked if there were any further topics for discussion or announcements for the group. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2020