

Meeting Minutes  
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee  
**January 25, 2021**  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions Dave Beck, Co-Chair
  - *Dave Beck called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.*
  
2. November 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval Dave Beck, Co-Chair
  - *The November draft minutes were approved.*
  
3. University Resilience Framework/COVID Plans – Update Chancellor’s Liaison(s)
  - *Provided information on building access ATO 2.0, now in place and if on campus, please sign in and request access.*
  
4. Grounds Update Andy Moran  
Senior Manager of Ground  
Facilities Management
  - *Recapped the unusual year for grounds department with more maintenance required than landscaping.*
  - *December 2020 had a record snowfall of over 26” with snow removal and ice management to include 32 miles of sidewalks, 2000 steps and 35 parking lots.*
  - *Pitt met requirements and became a “Bee Campus USA” and currently working to achieve the “Tree Campus USA” status.*
  
5. Energy and Utilities Plans Scott Bernotas  
Associate Vice Chancellor,  
Facilities Management
  - *The most significant update since last year’s presentation is energy:*
  - *Power Purchase agreements:*
    - *Hydroelectric (using water from the river) estimated to provide 25% of Pitt’s Electrical need by 2024.*
    - *Solar agreement estimated provide 13% of Pitt’s electrical need; will be operational in 2023-2024.*
  - *Stormwater master plan can be seen on Bigelow Boulevard and WPU plaza, which captures and reuses water.*
  - *Pitt is exceeding its annual goals for the last three years for energy reduction on a path to reducing consumption/square-foot by 50% before 2030. Pre COVID Pitt had a 17% reduction from its baseline in FY2019. FY20 showed over 20% reduction from our baseline. Pitt will continue to watch and monitor upon our return to campus.*
  - *Specific achievements:*
    - *Achieved lowest building energy use since tracking began 2008.*
    - *“Team Water” monitors data for indications of leaks saving \$187k per month; campus water usage decreased 13.9% since 2015.*
    - *14 LEED certified buildings with 5 pending gold/platinum status.*

6. Temporary Signage Policy

Anthony Graham  
Senior Policy Specialist,  
Office of Policy Development  
and Management  
Scott Bernotas  
Associate Vice Chancellor,  
Facilities Management

Tony presented the draft policy on temporary signage "[Temporary Signage](#)." currently under development.

- *This Policy provides the responsibilities and requirements for posting temporary signs on the exterior of any building on the University's campus; on University lawns, gardens or similar outdoor spaces; or in the indoor public spaces of the University's buildings.*
- *Policy was posted and open public comment period started last week; received feedback from Pitt.edu log in; next feedback from PUP committee, then faculty assembly; University Senate Council; administrative leadership then to the chancellor for final approval.*
- *Includes: where to put the signs and when to take down, protect landscaping, must meet student code of conduct, emergency signage providing a coordinated campus appearance.*

Dave Beck will share resources with the members and conduct a committee vote on endorsing the policy/procedure as written.

7. Announcements and New Business

ALL

- *No new business*

8. Executive Session when applicable

Elected members

9. Adjournment

- *Dave Beck adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm*

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 15, 2021 beginning at 2:00pm