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.

   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:
     o Hydroelectric (using water from the river) estimated to provide 25% of Pitt’s Electrical need by 2024.
     o 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:
     o Achieved lowest building energy use since tracking began 2008.
     o “Team Water” monitors data for indications of leaks saving $187k per month; campus water usage decreased 13.9% since 2015.
     o 14 LEED certified buildings with 5 pending gold/platinum status.
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