

Meeting Minutes  
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee  
**February 15, 2021**  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions Debbie Miller, Co-Chair
  - *Debbie Miller called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.*
  
2. January 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval Debbie Miller, Co-Chair
  - *The January draft minutes were approved as written.*
  
3. University Resilience Framework/COVID Plans – Update Chancellor’s Liaison(s)
  - *There was no report at this month’s meeting.*
  
4. Community Engagement Centers Paul Supowitz  
Community Relations Initiatives Vice Chancellor for  
Community & Government Relations
  - *Provided an update all on progress with the University’s Institutional Master Plan*
    - *General briefing on remaining planning process and goals 2/23/21; first half of 10 year development envelope 3/9/21; second half of 10 year development envelope 3/23/21; hearing and action to follow 4/20/21*
    - *Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation handout for details*
    - *The proceedings are available for viewing on the City’s You Tube channel*
  - *Major campus projects include:*
    - *PAA renovations are finished (Walnut Capital)*
    - *Bigelow Blvd completed except for planting, to be completed this Spring (City and University)*
    - *Proposed: 3500 Forbes (former Marathon gas station location) – private developer’s plans for a large student apartment building*
    - *Duquesne Light (DLC) substation on Joncaire Street – likely road closures*
    - *Proposed Wexford Science +Technology research facility project at the old CVS site (private developer).*
  - *Pitt Pandemic Service Initiative is a volunteer program that used faculty and staff ranging from training volunteers in the Hill District, (innovative partnerships) virtual help desk with CSSD assistance, community engagement centers, with special thanks to the CECs (Community Engagement Center) and their directors, Daren Ellerbee in Homewood and Kirk Holbrook in the Hill District.*
  - *Oakland “be a good neighbor program” included neighborhood walks by Pitt leaders, COVID complaint response task force meetings, and engaged off-campus student safety ambassadors to enable students to stay in school and on campus safely during the COVID pandemic.*
  - *Institutional support for outreach and engagement*
    - *ramped up institutional support for community engagement;*
    - *online map of outreach and engagement:*  
<https://www.pittwire.pitt.edu/news/sharing-our-connections>

- *community engaged scholarship forum on March 2nd*
- *SVC for engagement partnerships of distinction awards*

5. Student Life Initiatives

Julie Bannister  
Assistant Vice Chancellor,  
Auxiliary Services

- *Provided overview of student life related to Housing, Dining and other Amenities and Services. Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation handout for further details.*
- *Worked through many changing and challenging situations and scenarios while abiding by COVID-19 safety protocols with CMRO advisement.*
- *New student arrival process was modified to take place over several weeks instead of several days and instituted “Ship to Pitt” program to allow students to send 5 boxes of their belongings ahead of arrival.*
- *Challenged Pitt’s new dining provider, the Compass Group, to adhere to reduced occupancy by using reservation application, shifting food preparation and engaged students in food activities and contests while adhering to University and state guidelines.*
- *In addition to new branding and refreshing food service areas, added Pitt Eats Local allowing students to use their Dining Dollars to purchase meals at locally owned restaurants to forge community partnerships with students.*
- *Other projects include community kitchens for student use, new community outdoor patio spaces to relax or gather when postures permit.*
- *Package lockers in the Towers reused old mailboxes to received packages for students; and “birthday lockers” (new this term) will house gifts for students living on campus in the Towers providing a fun way to engage with students.*

6. Announcements and New Business

ALL

- *There were no new business or announcements by persons in attendance.*

7. Executive Session (when applicable)

Elected committee members

- *There was no executive session at this month’s meeting.*

8. Adjournment

- *Debbie Miller adjourned meeting at 3:10pm*

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 15, 2021 – 2:00pm (Zoom meeting)