

MEETING MINUTES
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee
May 17, 2021
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM - Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions David Beck, Co-Chair
 - *Dave Beck called the meeting to order at 2:02PM*

2. April 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval Dave Beck, Co-Chair
 - *The April meeting minutes were approved as written.*

3. Sustainability Plan Updates Aurora Sharrard, Director of Sustainability
 - *Debbie Miller introduced this month's speaker, Aurora Sharrard, Director of Sustainability for the University of Pittsburgh.*
 - *Refer to the presentation handout for the extensive report from the Office of Sustainability including Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts and activities (1 of 3 pillars of Sustainability)*
 - *A survey was sent to the entire Pitt community with >1,000 responses*
 - *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is included in all committee charters; Equity is one of the three pillars of Sustainability*
 - *Gaucha Solar, located on Allegheny County/Beaver County line near the Pittsburgh International Airport, is a local business from which Pitt is purchasing solar powered electricity*
 - *Slide 72 highlights goals to meet students' social, physical, financial and mental health needs; food insecurity; recent survey of 5,000 Pitt students re: food and housing insecurity*
 - *Slide 76 highlights academic/operations projects*
 - *Slide 79 highlights the Board of Trustees Ad Hoc committee on fossil fuels*

4. Announcements and New Business ALL
 - *Scott Bernotas provided a brief update of construction projects*
 - *Hillside preparation underway; O'Hara parking garage demolition underway; IMP (Institutional Master Plan with City of Pittsburgh) near completion; COL ground floor restrooms remodeling; COL ground floor HVAC upgrades; Allegheny Observatory preservation work; Posvar Hall Africana Studies department and air handling units replacement at Posvar Hall; Frick Fine Arts full building renovation; Salk Hall roof replacement; Scaife Hall expansion/renovation in progress; Bioscience Tower III – Brain Institute; Langley lobby renovations; Twentieth Century Club boiler replacement and asbestos abatement; several steam line replacements*
 - *Thank you to of this year's committee members, staff council and student representatives; thank you to outgoing members for their years of service (Kathy Kelly, SHRS and Salah Al-Zaiti, Nursing). Thank you to Dave Beck for agreeing to run for another term); thank you to all University liaisons, our colleagues from the University Times, Pitt News and University Communications and a special thank you to all of this year's presenters.*
 - *Welcome to newly elected/re-elected faculty members: David Beck, SHRS (returning); Viktoria Harms (SAS, German Dept.) and David Salcido (SOM) – one of this year's faculty Senate liaisons*

5. Executive Session (when applicable) Elected committee members

- *There was no executive session held during this month's meeting.*

6. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: *Monday, June 21, 2021 – 2:00pm (Zoom meeting)*