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Facility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary:

April 21, 2011

Committee Members in Attendance:

Richard Stomber, Administration
Lance Risley, College of Science and Health
Andy Barnes, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Janis Strasser, College of Education
Danielle Liautaud, Academic Affairs
Martin Gritsch, College of Business
Lou Poandl, Physical Plant Operations
Nick Dimini, Campus and Residence Life
Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance

Distribution:

Nina Trelisky, Registration

The summary of our meeting on April 21st is below. The summary is intended to include all major points of discussion. Please recommend any additions or modifications. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 1pm in College Hall 312.

Open Items:

1. COAC has not yet designated a committee representative. Several students have expressed interest but have yet to respond. Rick will reach out to Naima Ricks to determine if there is still interest. The possibility of including a member from Institutional Advancement in the future will be pursued in the Fall.
2. The goal is to have the Facility Advisory Committee web page announced in conjunction with parking garage presentation to faculty and staff. It may run in tandem with the Capital Planning webpage.
3. Nina provided reports as requested but the Committee opted to wait for her return to discuss. Benchmarking data on classroom utilization may also be provided.

Parking Garage and Parking:

1. An open meeting with students to discuss the garage was held in University Commons. About 20 students participated. The presentation and answers to questions were consistent with the feasibility study conclusions and previous committee discussions. While the meeting with faculty/staff is pending, faculty in other forums have voiced concerns about parking fees, in particular to the model imposed by MSU, which only provided free parking in the most inconvenient location. While the MSU funding and parking model appears unlikely, the financing of the garage will require a revenue source(s), which will be further reviewed by the Parking Subcommittee. The Administration and Finance Division is still meeting with potential private partnerships to construct and possibly operate the garage.
2. Desman has completed their scope of work and the feasibility study. It will be posted on the website and will be accessible to members of the committee and general community.
3. The Parking Subcommittee has received 14 proposals from architectural firms bidding on the garage design. Up to five firms will be asked to return and make presentations. Proposals were made available to the Committee for review.

Current Projects:

1. A list of new projects was briefly discussed with the Committee, including repainting of the water tower, Science Hall West Classroom Conversion, More Solar Panels, Hobart Hall Roof, Paving Projects, and the Power Arts/Atrium Carpets.
 - a. The planned repainting of the water tower includes a University logo approved by Institutional Advancement. Completion for exterior is planned for September 2011.
 - b. Three Science Hall West spaces will be converted to one instructional lab and two research labs. These alterations were anticipated within the overall Science Hall addition. Completion is scheduled for September 2012 and 2013.
 - c. Physical Plant is looking into adding solar panels to Hobart Hall (in conjunction with the new roof), Valley Road, Science Hall, and new Parking Garage. Lou reported that WPU saved approximately \$90,000 on electricity in the first half of FY2011.
 - d. Power Arts carpeting is complete. Carpeting in the Atrium hallways and computer labs is scheduled to be completed prior to September. Nick mentioned that he is looking at maintenance "free" flooring, similar to a sheet vinyl, for residence halls. These floors are believed to be a superior alternative to VCT or carpet in certain applications.
 - e. Several paving projects of lots and roadways are planned, including the roadway in front of White and Metelson Halls. Steve mentioned that part of the currently paved

area could be converted to green space. Rick will look at fire department issues and Nick will discuss possible programming with student residents.

- f. Nick and Steve discussed the need for stairs and other site improvements between Overlook and University Commons.

2. Steve discussed the need for a “mini” master plan, which will focus on buildings at the center of campus: Hunziker Wing and Hall, Wightman, Raubinger and Coach House. Professional services will be required, most likely from an architectural firm, that will lead the committee and others through an exercise to include renovation programs, cost, schedule, and swing space requirements. The plan will also include program development for the site and size a new “generic” faculty office and classroom building, possibly at the site of the Coach House and/or Wightman Gym.

The goal of the “mini” plan is to jump-start and expedite the implementation of the strategic planning process. The goal is to have the plan completed in the Fall of 2011. Andrew mentioned a desire of COH faculty to connect the Atrium with Hunziker.

3. Lance reviewed the precepts underlying the recommendation to use native species in landscaping projects. The Committee agreed with the recommendation, which could be incorporated as a standard item in University’s design statements. Assistance would be required from the Environmental Science and Biology Departments to insure that landscaping plans prepared by design professionals comply with the intent.

4. The Middle States self study and formal recommendations of the visiting team will be reviewed at a future meeting.