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Facility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary:

December 18, 2012

### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Richard Stomber, Administration Lance Risley, College of Science and Health Nina Trelisky, Registration Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance Janis Strasser, College of Education

#### **Distribution:**

Danielle Liautaud, Academic Affairs Lou Poandl, Physical Plant Operations Nick Diminni, Campus and Residence Life Pam Ferguson, Institutional Advancement Sabrina Grant, Athletics Wartyna Davis, College of Humanities and Social Sciences John Malindretos, Cotsakos College of Business Bob Seal, President's Office Jan Saltiel, Edgewater Design

The summary of our meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> is below. The summary is intended to include all major points of discussion. Please recommend any additions or modifications.

### Membership:

A member to serve on the Committee from COAC has not been identified. John Malindretos from CCOB has not attended a meeting or responded to any correspondence. Lou Poandl is resigning in January. John Martone recently identified a pool of students that may be interested in serving. Danielle Liautaud may be able to identify a graduate student. One undergraduate student and one graduate student would be ideal.

#### **Reforestation Plan:**

Jan Saltiel of Edgewater Design, introduced a reforestation initiative, required by the DEP to offset wooded areas to be eliminated at the site of the Parking Garage. A total of 224 trees of

approximately 1.5" diameter are required to be planted on the campus. Varieties are selected from a list provided by the DEP.

Edgewater Design had previously prepared reforestation plans for the perimeter road and High Mountain East/West. Edgewater visited the campus to evaluate previous reforestation plantings and development activities. In summary, most plantings had done well with the exception of oaks and larger caliper trees. In conjunction with comments by the committee, required new plantings will focus primarily on the following areas:

- a. Areas that had been recommended previously that had not been implemented.
- b. Areas where previous plantings had not done well
- c. The new Parking Garage Site
- d. Athletic Fields and Field House
- e. Valley Road
- f. Student Center
- g. Ben Shahn Circle
- h. Lot 2

Specific recommendations included plantings that are deer resistant and native. The completed plan is subject to DEP approval and a public meeting hosted at the University. Trees should be planted by June 15.

# **Learning Spaces:**

The committee reviewed plans for new lounge furniture in the Atrium Lobby. The new layout is intended to promote group work and flexible layouts. The committee recommended not purchasing whiteboards. Acoustics and lighting were also mentioned as concerns. The Atrium Lobby has adequate wireless coverage. The replacement of the furniture in the Lobby will coincide with the relocation of IRT staff to the Library. IRT's vacancy will be occupied by the Philosophy and AWS departments, which will provide approximately 16 new private offices for faculty that currently share an office.

# **Strategic Planning:**

The committee was updated on the status of strategic plan initiatives. The architects are confirming the preliminary program with the Nursing, Public Health, and Communication Disorders Departments. The Coach House may be demolished as early as the summer of 2013 provided that Custodial Services can be relocated. Members of the committee recommended operable windows for the new building. After the new academic building is complete the plan is to fully renovate Hunziker Hall and Wing in two distinct phases. Wightman Gym is not anticipated to be replaced until at least after the renovation of the Hunzikers is complete and a new location for a pool is identified.

The selection committee for the Residential Zone Plan Update has made recommendations and the University is negotiating with the selected firms. The emergency generator study is complete and recommends natural gas generators for all residence halls and Wayne Hall. Lance noted that the SHE generator needed to be shut down for refueling and diesel conservation due to difficulties in fuel availability. The committee recommended increasing the size of the fuel tank at SHE.

## **New Projects:**

A new Veterans Center is scheduled to be provided in vacant space at Wayne Hall near the bus shelter. Work is anticipated to be complete by the Fall of 2013. Raubinger Windows are scheduled to be replaced next summer. Approximately 6 to 8 music practice rooms are being designed for vacant space in Hobart Hall Annex