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Facility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: May 4, 2016

## **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance  
Wartyna Davis, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Kevin Garvey, Physical Plant Operations  
Sabrina Grant, Athletics  
Nick Diminni, Campus and Residence Life  
Pam Ferguson, Institutional Advancement  
Greg Mattison, Climate Action Committee  
Janis Strasser, College of Education  
Richard Stomber, Administration  
Nina Trelisky, Registrar

## **Distribution:**

Miki Cammarata, Student Development  
Stephen Hahn, Academic Affairs  
Loretta McLaughlin-Vignier, College of Arts and Communication  
Lance Risley, College of Science and Health  
Bob Seal, President's Office  
Siamack Shojai, Cotsakos College of Business  
Nancy Weiner, Library

The summary of our meeting on May 4th is below. The summary is intended to include all major points of discussion. Please recommend any additions or modifications.

## **Membership:**

A representative has not been identified from the College of Business. Students to serve on the committee have not been identified by SGA or Student Development.

## **Three Year Capital Plan:**

RS reviewed the current three year capital plan, which has not changed from the last meeting. A revised document will be presented at the June Board of Trustees meeting for approval. SB advised that the academic and administrative projects submitted to the cabinet are still under review.

**Hunziker Renovation:**

RS asked the committee to consider naming opportunities for Hunziker Wing. Suggested names included Passaic Hall, Woodlands Hall, Hamilton Hall, Summit Hall and Beacon Hall.

**Valley Road Classrooms, Furniture, and Signage:**

As a continuation from the last meeting, RS summarized some of the statistics regarding Valley Road classroom capacities and furniture. There are 49 classrooms scheduled by the Registrar with about 1300 seats. About 11 of the 49 have more chairs than the code allows. RS also noted that in that Cabinet would review classroom utilization in University Hall for the Fall of 2016. In addition to the cafeteria, two other areas, Rooms 2040 and 4029, are furnished as classrooms and seminar rooms, but are not included on the Registrar's list. A meeting has been scheduled with Dean Burns and Shojai to review concerns and discuss replacement furniture options.

At the Learning Spaces Committee, RS was advised that Brian Fanning was looking into Banner and 25 Live capabilities to avoid oversubscribing classroom capacities. The Learning Spaces Committee also emphasized that the academic chairs are the most important part of the process since they actually enroll the students in 25 Live.

Signage requests from the COE and COB were reviewed that used exclusive language. Consistent with direction from the Cabinet, the committee recommended that academic spaces not be unnecessarily dedicated to a particular school or use, when they could serve other areas. If privacy is a concern, consider a "Room in Use" sign.

Positive feedback was expressed about recent landscaping improvements at Valley Road. Cleanliness and painting of the stairwells are a concern, but KG advised that the stairwells are in the process of being painted. It was also mentioned that the access gate to the faculty parking area was not working.

**Transportation Projects and Parking Subcommittee:**

RS provided an update of the Parking Subcommittee's recent activity including a review of paving projects planned for over the summer. Many of the older street lights and the electrical infrastructure on University Drive are failing and will need to be replaced in the next few years.

**Other and New Business:**

KG shared recent experiences with student initiated civic engagement projects derived from what is believed to be a Sociology class. Students approached various staff members or performed the work on their own. A recent bird feeder installation at Hobart Hall was cited

as an example. WD was asked if there could be better coordination between the academic requirements and the needs of the campus.

RS reviewed a recent student request for “no smoking” signage at campus buildings. Sign options are being explored. KG shared his experiences regarding the implementation of a smoke free campus while at Westchester Community College. It has been confirmed that campus police and private citizens do not have the legal authority to enforce or issue fines for violation of smoking laws. Currently, there is not an initiative to create a smoke free campus or restrict smoking within a minimum distance from a building entrance.

#### Items Requiring Follow Up:

Valley Road Furniture Recommendations RS

Valley Road Occupancy RS

University Hall and Valley Road Classroom Utilization RS

Sociology Class Projects WD

No Smoking Signage RS