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Facility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary:

March 7, 2011

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Distribution:

Andy Barnes, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The summary of our meeting on February 11th 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 March 11th at 10am in College Hall 312.

Parking Garage and Parking:

1. Steve reviewed the feedback received from presenting the garage alternatives to the Student Government Association Leadership, Cabinet, and Finance, Audit and Institutional Advancement Committee. These three groups preferred the Lot 1 option to Lot 2 and Lot 5. While Lot 1 is the most expensive option, it has advantages in minimizing disruption, aesthetics and access routes when compared to the other options.. Enrollment projections have increased and the garage will be pursued with an additional level. Garage developments will be reviewed briefly at each Facility Advisory Committee meeting.
2. While the garage is being further advanced, the need for additional outreach to the community was identified. Prior to graduation but after Spring break, informational sessions will be arranged for students and employees.

3. The garage will not be self-funded and revenue shortfalls will need to be offset from operations and parking fees. The means of achieving this has not been fully explored. Steve reviewed options for garage development, which includes the University borrowing the money or engaging a third party financier and developer, called a public private partnership
4. The University is aware that the Jeep Dealership is for sale, but currently the asking price exceeds the market value and there are ownership issues that need to be resolved.
5. The expansion of the Visitor Lot was presented. There was a recommendation for concurrent landscaping improvements between Entry 2 and the Visitors Lot.
6. The Committee reiterated that aesthetics would need to blend with the campus on visible elevations. The need for campus traffic study was also voiced.
7. A representative from Police will meet with the Child Development Center to determine where they would like reserved spaces in Lot 3.

List of Current Projects:

1. A list of currently funded projects with schedules was distributed. There was not sufficient time to make a presentation for Morrison/Raubinger. Project goals and objectives were reviewed for the Parking Garage, Road Paving between Lot 6 and Lot 7, and Shea Center 101/103.
2. Nick Dimini will be on the project team for the paving project between Lot 6 and Lot 7.
3. The Committee reviewed the concept plans for the Shea Plaza. There was a clear preference for Scheme B and incorporating a seat wall.

Classroom Reports:

While Nina was not able to attend, Steve was able to provide and distribute the necessary reports to the Committee. Some of the observations from the report indicate that:

- a. The relationship between class scheduling and parking
- b. Classrooms appeared underutilized later in the afternoons and on Fridays.
- c. If given the choice, many faculty would not want to teach in the afternoon.
- d. The Provost will likely be the leader in advancing shifts in current practices in the utilization of classrooms.

Rick mentioned that there is a Learning Spaces Committee, which reports to the Provost that is focused on classroom initiatives. The two Committees can share information and avoid redundant assignments since Lou and Rick serve on both committees.

Other Comments:

1. A study and assessment of the Coach House is required. It will be unoccupied by academic departments in 2012.
2. A request to assess the condition of the pool was made.
3. There was a request not to hold buses in Lot 3 during summer programs.
4. To have some sort of lounge, common space, or cafeteria near Raubinger. It was reinforced that the cost of operations and code requirements would exceed the demand for food. Additionally there does not appear to be any available space. This initiative cannot be pursued at this time, but will be considered in future projects.

Membership:

1. David Weisburg has resigned from the Committee. Dean Torres-Santos has been asked to recommend a replacement.
2. A student representative, possibly a graduate and undergraduate, could be identified by their involvement of Professional and Academic Societies.