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Facility Advisory Committee Meeting Summary:

Meeting Date: April 1, 2014

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

Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance Sabrina Grant, Athletics Pam Ferguson, Institutional Advancement Wartyna Davis, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Lance Risley, College of Science and Health Richard Stomber, Administration Kevin Garvey, Physical Plant Operations Nick Diminni, Campus and Residence Life Janis Strasser, College of Education Nina Trelisky, Registration

# **Distribution:**

Danielle Liautaud, Academic Affairs Vacant, Cotsakos College of Business Vacant, College of Arts and Communication Bob Seal, President's Office

The summary of our meeting on April 1, 2014 is below. The summary is intended to include all major points of discussion. Please recommend any additions or modifications.

# Membership:

A response has not been received from the Deans of COAC and CCOB to designate a member from their respective areas and will advise if a response is received. RS will send another email to the Deans requesting representatives.

# **Old Business:**

While the football bleachers were confirmed to be structurally sound two years ago, there are components of the bleachers which are beyond their useful life including wooden steps, bolted connections, and railings. The structure also needs to be painted, which is not

practical to perform until the stair bolts are replaced. With these requirements and the added need to add ADA access to the existing structure, it was recommended to compare the costs of upgrading the bleachers and comparing it to the price of new bleachers. Seating for at least 2000 is preferred by Athletics. RS will advise at the next meeting.

LR reported that the seating capacity issues in the Science Lecture Halls (SHW 201/301 and SHE 2063/2064) had been resolved through smaller class sizes. The actual class size data provided by the Registrar confirmed that there did not appear to be a seating capacity issue at this time. LR also reported that the additional tables in the lecture halls are used for exams. Data was also presented showing that two large campus lecture halls at the Library and Atrium were underutilized.

# New Academic Building:

The committee's recommendation was in favor of the "science on display" concept for views into the Nursing Basic Skills labs in the New Academic Building. RS noted that the plans had gone out to bid. RS noted the New Academic Building classroom furniture mock-ups had been installed in Hunziker Wing 232 and 233.

Classroom metrics for quantity of classrooms, seat count, classroom square footage, and station size were compared for the New Academic Building, Hunziker Hall and Hunziker Wing for academic years 2015 through 2018. During this period, the Academic Zone will gain 10 classrooms, 275 seats, 16,000 square feet of general instruction space, and 7 square feet of station size. Construction is expected to start by June.

# Parking Garage and Transportation Projects:

SB reviewed the cost by semester for faculty/staff, resident and commuter students that is planned to be proposed at the public meeting for the new parking garage starting in FY2014. RS reviewed transportation projects for the summer of 2014 including the adding of turning lane at West Overlook and College Road. Projects for the summer of 2015 were also reviewed, including the widening of East Road between Manor Drive and Campus Police, and a new entry to Ben Shahn Hall from the Tennis Court side.

### **Residential Zone Plan:**

SB reported that the Residential Zone Plan had not been vetted by the Cabinet or the Board. ND recounted the mounting maintenance challenges in the residence halls, particularly regarding the sanitary systems in Overlook, Pioneer and Heritage. He advised that the residential product provided by William Paterson is not up to the standards of peer institutions and is a reason for students and parents to choose to go elsewhere. He also believes, as evidenced by high occupancy of High Mountain and low occupancy of Overlook, that people will pay more for a better product. SG advised that this echoes Athletics' experience in recruiting athletes that are beyond a reasonable commuting distance that would want or need to live on campus. She suggested taking the Cabinet and Board on a tour of our residential facilities to gain a clear and visual understanding of the issues; and how it potentially impacts students' desire to live on campus, enrollment and retention rates. RS mentioned that based on a requests by Residence Life and Athletics, the modernization of elevators at Pioneer, Heritage, and Ben Shahn is being explored.

# **New Business:**

SG noted the ongoing leaks at Ben Shahn Hall. RS noted that the roof was scheduled to be replaced this summer.

PF noted that there were unsightly rust stains on the exterior of Ben Shahn. SB noted that these are due to failing the curtain wall system, which may be replaced as early as FY2015.

SG requested that someone look at the baseball field netting, which is failing, and the padding behind home plate.

It was recommended that the TV (not a flat screen) be removed by the Atrium Lecture Hall (Room 144).

JS mentioned that the elevators at Valley Road were frequently breaking down. KG mentioned that a part needed to be made and was the cause for delay. PF mentioned that Valley Road was tired looking citing such areas as lobby, particularly the lounge furniture, the private dining room, and the dining hall flooring not looking nice.

WD mentioned that the exterior tile and paver plazas in the Atrium were failing and represents a safety hazard. She mentioned that with the new furniture and lighting in the main atrium, that there was more productive interaction among students.