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**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA
February 27, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.
Carrier Building, Room 114**

Members Present: Chairman Jon Beal, Diana Brush, Bruce Exley, Deb Fleeger, Jackie Knaust, David Love, Jennifer May, Laurie Miller, Monica Miller (Student Senate), Rein Pold, Brenda Polatty, Adam Roberts (Institutional Resources Committee), Ric Taylor (Ex-officio), G. Chad Thomas

Others Present: David Levo, Perkins Eastman Representative

Facilities Master Plan – Ric Taylor introduced David Levo with Perkins Eastman and indicated that today's agenda was to provide a final meeting with Perkins Eastman surrounding general concepts involving the Facilities Master Plan. The President's Executive Council will review and prioritize items and, in April, plans will be presented to the Council of Trustees, as well as alumni and Foundation boards for their input as well. Regarding a time line, a final report is expected in May, 2014. The document will provide a vision for what campus should look like over the next twenty years in regard to buildings, signage, etc. Per David Love, plans are also under way to incorporate new branding initiatives to be launched later in 2014; however, the campus community would be advised prior to that launch. Both campuses (Clarion and Venango) will have the same encompassing brand.

Mr. Levo then proceeded with a 72-slide presentation focusing on the major initiatives recommended during the first five-year period including the completion of ongoing projects such as Becht Hall; a major renovation of Still Hall, and implementation of landscaping projects for Clarion campus. For Venango campus the first five-year period focuses on renovation of the Verizon building and landscaping the commons.

The second five-year period on Clarion campus focuses on a new Health Sciences building, major renovation of Becker Hall, and continued class upgrades. For Venango the focus includes a new classroom building project and creation of a college walkway.

Additionally on Clarion campus, the major defining item include plans for a pedestrian walkway uniting the southern end of campus and extending north to Main Street. Insights were then solicited from committee members regarding their thoughts for a potential use of Hart Chapel over the long-term, including ideas such as a scale up classroom or box style theater which might allow for performances similar to Marwick Boyd. Discussion followed on potential challenges with those approaches; and, Chairman Beal suggested that faculty be queried for additional ideas.

The presentation completed with a Question and Answer period. Discussion also followed regarding architectural vision and Mr. Levo's philosophy that buildings should reflect their era. Plans also call for creating a landscape utilizing an accredited Level 1 Arboretum. A concern was also raised regarding parking related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Members of the committee expressed satisfaction that the walkway through Clarion campus would deter vehicular traffic through the center of campus thus improving pedestrian safety issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** in Carrier 114.