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FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 8, 2009

Members Present: Yasser Ayad; Jon Beal; Paul Bylaska; Joanna Catalano-student; Tessa Endress-student; Deb Fleeger; Rose Logue; Jen May; Michael McConnell; Jim Stockman;

Others Present: Sharon Montgomery; Rein Pold; Kim Verdone

Jon Beal asked for member introductions noting that there had been some changes in membership since the committee last met in May.

Yasser Ayad told members about the 4th Annual GIS conference to be held October 15 – 16. The conference was expanded to two days this year and will be free to faculty and staff. Information can be found at www.clarion.edu/gisconference.

I. Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2009

A motion was made by Michael McConnell and seconded by Kim Verdone to approve the minutes of May 28, 2009 as presented. The motion passed.

II. Additional Agenda Items

1. No additional items were added to the agenda.

III. Old Business

1. Venango Projects – Paul Bylaska reported for Deb Sobina via an e-mail that she supplied.

   A. Nursing Lab – The Nursing Lab feasibility study is underway with MacLachlan, Cornelius, and Filoni. The MEP review with Phil Shuffstall was held Monday morning, October 5th, followed by an afternoon meeting of stakeholders. The next meeting to review preliminary results will be Friday, October 23rd.

   B. Storm Water Project - Bob Tellish of HRG has said that the storm water/driveway redesign project is to the point that semi-final plans will be mailed to Jim Stockman within the next week for any final markup he may want to make. The project required significant surveying work and mapping of utilities. It is
hopeful that this project will be taken to bid with the base bid to include the storm water management and the driveway work. A second bid level would include storm water work only.

C. **Venango Pond** – Deb Sobina thanked all those that helped to bring the pond project to completion and those who attended the celebration held in September.

2. **Science Technology**

Paul Bylaska said that the solar panels are generating 30 kilowatts. Next month there will be a kiosk to show the readouts of the solar panels and the microturbine.

Members discussed the polishing of the floors in the building. Student representative, Joanna Catalano commented that the floors in the building are very slippery especially the auditorium ramp. Jim Stockman said that the floors are a LEED point in the project. Paul Bylaska said that after LEED evaluation takes place, the university can make changes to the floors if they are found to be problematic. In the meantime, the university will look into the purchase of rugs or runners for entrances as well as keeping the outside sidewalk areas clear in bad weather.

Deb Fleeger asked if only departments within the Science Technology building could be scheduled in the building. Jon Beal responded that there really was not much down time in the building for any other use.

Rein Pold asked if the landscaping on extreme slope areas would include silt fences or straw and Jim Stockman agreed that he would push for that.

A. **Access** – Members discussed access to the Science Technology building and the resulting safety and security issues. Paul Bylaska said that it was cost prohibitive to have key card service throughout the entire building. He added that many buildings on campus will move towards a key card access. Sharon Montgomery raised concerns that current policy to allow students access to rooms on the weekends and off hours may not be as secure as the previous policy. It was discussed that Public Safety is able to let students in the building, but they are not allowed to open specific rooms for them. Kim Verdone said the topic was discussed at Dean’s Council and department chairs are to request a key in their name to give to a student to access a specific room. Jon Beal raised concern that a single student in a building without anyone knowing would not be a good thing. Paul Bylaska agreed to have Chief Reid discuss the subject at the November FPC meeting.

Jen May asked about the elevators and whether they would function past the lab hours in the evenings for disability students to exit the floors. Paul Bylaska said that Chief Reid is currently working on that issue.
B. Sun/Drapes – Members discussed the need for blinds or drapes in some locations in the building. Paul Bylaska said that upon completion of the project, there may be some potential for the funding of power blinds in the conference room. Temperatures in the rooms were also discussed. Jim Stockman explained that each office has an occupancy sensor that must either be turned on or detect motion in the room in order to control the temperature. Yasser Ayad said that they were starting to find ways to shut out the light from the windows for projection purposes.

3. Peirce Demo

Jim Stockman said that the backfill of the old Peirce Science Center is getting closer to completion. They will be working through the Department of General Services to get the earthmoving done by November 1st. A partial reseed will be done with the contractors coming back in the spring for any additional seeding that may need done.

4. Key 93

Paul Bylaska reported that due to the current budget situation, funding for Key 93 has been eliminated for FY2009-2010. Thus the Key 93 list previously approved by FPC and PEC is no longer possible. The university will look to use approx. $1M remaining from prior Key 93 funding to do the primary job on the list, Boiler Feed Pump & Controls. Repair of the Marwick Boyd roof will also require the use of these remaining funds. This will be formalized for approval at the next meeting.

5. Becht Design

Rein Pold stated that the design contract should be in place in the next couple days. They have been working with Mike Ferguson at Legal to finalize issues. Although this is a DGS project; unlike the Science Technology Building, the university will be handling the administration of the project.

Kim Verdone questioned whether Becht was currently being cleaned out. Paul Bylaska explained that the current activity seen may be due to making the building ready to temporarily house potential students from the Leadership Academy.

A contract for the construction of the building may be in place by March with the actual work being coordinated with the end of a semester or May 2010.

6. Chandler Demo

Jim Stockman reported that the Chandler demo is almost complete and the university has been pleased with the work of the contractor. They are within a week of planting grass. This will be the future site of two new residence halls, but temporarily it will be green space. Rose Logue questioned if the patterns of the roads would change
with the construction of the new halls. Paul Bylaska said that the loop was constructed for a reason and would remain.

IV. New Business

1. Environmental Congress

Paul Bylaska told the committee that Provost James will be heading up the 2nd Annual Environmental Congress to be held on April 1-2, 2010. The event will be free to faculty, staff and students.

2. Tippin Feasibility

Rein Pold said that the Architectural Engineer, Kimball should have the contract in hand today to sign. The feasibility study will determine whether the current facility will require a renovation or a rebuild. It will also look at multiple site locations. Jon Beal also noted that at the time Tippin was built the university did not have a recreation center and the building would have served a different purpose than it would today. Rein Pold said that with the mechanical problems that Tippin faces, the internal block construction would be expensive to retrofit. In response to a question by Deb Fleeger as to when the classrooms would go off-line, Paul Bylaska said that it would probably be another three years yet.

3. Parking Committee

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee meetings will be held on November 19, 2009.