

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of May 7, 2014, 2:00pm
Clocktower Room, Student Center

In attendance: Charlene Casamento, Rae Schipke, Thom Delventhal, Haoyu Wang, Kathy Martin-Troy, Carlos Liard-Muriente, Matthew Bielawa, Lisa Bigelow, Yvonne Kirby, Carl Lovitt, Richard Bachoo, Gregory Sneed (new CCSU Chief of Police), Sal Santarino

Meeting called to order at 2:00

1. Motion to approve minutes of April 9 (Kathy, Carlos 2nd): Minutes approved with corrections.

2. Lisa will be on sabbatical for the Fall of 2014. Her replacement will be the candidate that received the next highest vote total.

3.a. Dr. Bachoo:

Davidson Hall: Restroom compliance issues. Bids opened May 2014. Project to begin in June and to be completed before the beginning of the F '14 semester.

Power House: Submitting B-100 to create a two-phase project. Architect and engineer to be assigned to design new roof (phase 1), and to create plan for 1st and 2nd floors (phase 2). 2nd floor will be art space and 1st floor dance. The current dance studio has two pillars in the middle of it. This is unacceptable. A more desirable dance studio will certainly increase enrollment.

Memorial Hall: B-100 approved for project to add shower stalls and make the space ADA compliant for men's and women's restrooms facing Maria Sanford. This project's commencement is anticipated in September 2014.

There will be summer renovations to the North server. The Nutmeg room will be moved to the Vance side.

Vance Residence Hall:

Kitchen contract awarded and on schedule to begin May construction.

Remaining floor renovations to 5 floors. Awarded on May 6 and complete renovations by August.

Library: Carl would you like to address the learning Commons that will be created in Burritt?

(Carl): Sure. The "Learning Commons" will be a technology center intended to leverage learning. There will be a number of constituents whose purpose is the expansion of pedagogy via technology that will move their offices here. The Center for Teaching and Faculty Development will move here.

The central area will be modeled on Virginia Tech's "Math Emporium" which allows for the use of innovative technology and software in a broad expansive classroom format.

(Richard): HVAC renovation contract has been pre-awarded to the A & E firm. It is currently at legal. May 14th is the anticipated final award. Construction in phases will begin this summer and proceed through the winter and spring (4th, 3rd and 2nd floors).

When HVAC is complete the Learning Commons area will begin. This includes restrooms and a TV studio on the 2nd floor.

Copernicus Hall: Renovations to Lecture Hall 231 this summer to include flooring, painting, ceilings, lighting and seating.

Working to repair damaged tiles in hallway.

ITBD: Anticipate 1st floor build out to commence in June 2014.

Alumni Relations and Community Engagement have already been moved here.

Willard Hall: First floor renovations for Pre-Collegiate and Access Services are in progress.

New Residence Hall: Currently excavation for foundation work is in progress. The next phase of the work will be foundation piles, walls and ground floor. The building is concrete plank construction style and installation of the concrete planks will be via crane. This work will occur throughout the summer.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Construction for installation of two smaller units in Student Center/Welte parking lot underway. There is concern about the logistics of payment for consumers of this service.

New Dining Facility: Working with architect on design. New dining facility is to be located in the upper residential quad next to Kaiser parking lot.

Barbour Road Throwing Field: The throwing area has been completed. Additional paving will take place in early spring. Javelin runway, shotput, discus and hammer pads and forms have been installed.

Arute Field Fiber: Commencement of fiber installation is anticipated in July. The installation will enable cameras and emergency phones.

Willard/DiLoreto: Architect program consultant has begun meeting with key stakeholders to help begin the design process. The project will join the two buildings and create 30,000 square feet of new office and classroom facilities. The area will be dramatically improved. It is imperative for budgetary and other logistical concerns that the residents be removed to a "swing site" during the duration of the construction. This plan is still being developed.

Fenn Road sidewalks: Sidewalk installation will begin in June and will enhance access to the Stop and Shop plaza.

Campus Wide: Anticipate installation of stamped asphalt at Student Center and other areas on campus. We are extremely pleased with the results thus far, vs. concrete. I think we can stop the bleeding of concrete repairs--\$98,000 in the student center circle alone. The stamped asphalt was Sal's idea.

Wireless project in remaining residence halls to be completed this summer.

Master Plan Update/--\$128,000,000: It was agreed that the plan for a completely new library had become obsolete. So the money approved for that project was reapportioned. There will still be funds applied to the renovation of Buritt and its services. IT will be relocated there and, hopefully, connect to Engineering.

The reapportioned funds will also be applied to the School of Education and Professional Studies, the School of Engineering, and the replacement of the bubble. Meetings with a donor are currently taking place to fund minor capital projects.

(Charlene): Could you clarify if all these projects are already funded?

(Richard): All of them except the powerhouse, which has no funds at this point. Funding for the throwing field, and the Fenn Road sidewalks is being pieced together as we move forward.

(Charlene): Then the only issue is the powerhouse.

(Richard): HVAC for the library and the learning commons is also underfunded.

(Carlos): What would be the impact of adding an undergraduate commencement ceremony in December?

Discussion of the vote in the last senate meeting in support of adding the ceremony follows. The general feeling was that logistically and financially it is feasible but that there are many hidden issues that needed to be investigated.

Chief Sneed was introduced and welcomed. Then he, Mr. Santorino and Dr. Bachoo departed the meeting.

3.b. Consensus that the FY 15 budget requests (DPS-OE, positions approved and one time-capital) be posted to the web site.

4. (Char): At one time the funding attached to TransformCT was \$65 million. But when the measure actually passed it appears to only be \$42 million. There is no indication how that will impact the TransformCSCU at this point. There is a concern that it will impact the previously promised mitigation amounts of \$3.1 million and \$750,000. I will keep you posted.

5.a. Guy not present

General discussion about the \$1.8 million contract awarded to BCG by the BOR. There is some concern that this will be the same as the study done by the Macguire group for which a lot of time, energy and focus were given to no discernible result. Will this study be driven by a motivation to know this institution and make real recommendations about how this institution might improve itself, or will it simply be a road map to market driven education? Since no timetable has been released we can only wait and see.

Adjourned at 3:18