

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL RESOURCES PLANNING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
MINUTES

PRESENT: L. Walling, Chair; A. Kedhar; K. Miyake; P. Morton; M. Raveendran; R. Redak;  
M. Asaka; N. Gabor (ad hoc member)

Chair Walling called the meeting to order at 1:02PM.

The committee approved the minutes from the October 18, 2022, meeting.

The Committee reviewed the ‘Deferred Maintenance and Capital Projects’ presentation given to Campus Finance Committee detailing projects needing to be completed on campus. It was noted that the presentation and goals set forth therein are vague, unclear of solutions, and lacking transparency as it relates to parties that constitute ‘stakeholders’ or contributors, and decision-making processes. The Committee recommends the ‘Annual Capital Financial Plan,’ referenced in the presentation, be available for review. Additionally, Committee members expressed deep concern about current standards of behavior relating to prioritizing, scheduling, notifying relevant parties of occurrence, and transparency with faculty surrounding projects on campus. A memo relating to and addressing these concerns was drafted and sent to relevant parties.

PRP Ad Hoc member for the OASIS Clean Tech Park working Group, Nathaniel Gabor, provided an update on his position. It was noted that committees for these projects have met and are meeting frequently. Gabor has not been contacted for inclusion yet.

A memo written by the Committee on Planning and Budget, dated December 21, 2022, addressed to Provost Watkins, Vice Chancellor Bomotti, and Vice Chancellor Torres regarding the use of Climate Initiative Funds for the OASIS Project was forwarded to the committee for discussion. It was noted that the plans being discussed related to the charge of PRP. There were concerns about the priority status of teaching and research facilities that are integral to the mission of the University over Public Private Partnership ambitions. Furthermore, it was noted that the funding stream was not appropriate for a PPP project, and there existed a lack of a clear plan for long term programmable use of the building in planning. The committee would also like to see a plan of long-term programmatic issues as several buildings on campus have begun renovations but have not been completed due to lack of funding.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:06PM.

Approved: 05/04/2023

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