

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL RESOURCES PLANNING
OCTOBER 18, 2022
MINUTES

PRESENT: L. Walling, Chair; A. Kedhar; K. Miyake; P. Morton; M. Raveendran; R. Redak.

ABSENT: M. Asaka

GUESTS: Vice Chancellor for Planning, Budget and Administration, Gerry Bomotti
Assistant Vice Chancellor and Campus Architect, Jacqueline Norman

Chair Walling called the meeting to order at 11:00AM and welcomed members to the first meeting of the Committee on Physical Resources Planning for the 2022-2023 academic year before the individual committee members introduced themselves.

The Committee reviewed the senate bylaws related to the committee's charge and discussed the committee's expectations. It was noted that members of this committee represent their colleges/schools and may have to go back to them for guidance.

The Committee discussed meeting modality and voted to have all future meetings via zoom.

The Committee approved the Conflict-of-Interest Statement for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Physical Resources & Planning (PRP) Committee discussed the proposal for the site of the new Undergraduate Teaching & Learning Facility (UTLF) provided by the UTLF Site Analysis Executive Summary. The Committee discussed the advantages/disadvantages of the proposed UTLF location in Lot 19 and the proposed alternative sites.

The PRP Committee supports the Lot 19 location of the UTLF based on its relative proximity to CHASS, BCOE and CNAS, its access to all major utilities and the fact that the site is relatively flat. PRP concluded that the alternative sites had significant disadvantages in terms of ease access for students and faculty (the site west of MRB I) and disruption of a critical green space on the campus (Olmstead lawn). PRP also discussed another alternative location for UTLF (lot 9). The distance of Lot 9 to BCOE and CHASS is less optimal than Lot 19. It was also noted that this site might be used for future development of new greenhouses for CNAS in the future.

PRP recommends that the issues iterated below be seriously considered in the UTLF planning process.

1. As the UTLF is in a critical stage where programmatic function of the building is being decided, consultation with department chairs in CNAS, CHASS and BCOE should occur as soon as possible. This consultation should occur prior to the working group deliberations to assure that all teaching and learning needs are seriously considered in the next planning phase.
 - While college representatives are currently on the UTLF working group, it is unclear if these representatives understand the full needs of each of the colleges. PRP makes this statement based on the fact that the process that was used by each college to

determine programmatic priorities is unknown to PRP. PRP provides a few examples of needs known to PRP committee members.

- The need for new laboratories for introductory level courses in the life sciences and physical sciences is acute as many of these laboratories are in buildings greater than 60 years old and contemporary spaces are needed.
 - There is need for shared laboratories in the life sciences to accommodate upper-division undergraduate classes. Some classes are being taught in faculty laboratories, which is disruptive to research programs, and others are in spaces that are not designed for contemporary teaching and learning. Departments impacted include Botany & Plant Sciences; Entomology; Evolution, Ecology & Organismal Biology; Microbiology & Plant Pathology; and Nematology. Currently outdated department-“owned” spaces are being used; these spaces were not designed for sharing as storage spaces are inadequate for contemporary needs.
 - There is a need for new dance studios that provide appropriate flooring and space. From committee discussions with Jacqueline Norman, it is not clear if other studio spaces to support Art or other creative activities will be proposed.
 - As PRP does not have a representative from BCOE, it is not possible to highlight their most acute teaching and learning needs and priorities. In addition, other needs of CNAS and CHASS are not iterated here.
2. A discussion about the requisite support spaces and personnel needed to deliver contemporary laboratory experiences for students in a location at significant distance from CNAS needs serious consideration in the planning process.
 - The proposed site for the new UTLF imposes significant challenges. Support spaces will be needed for laboratory preparation and storage of equipment (ie., microscopes) and materials.
 3. The current conclusion that Lot 19 is currently underutilized needs to be re-evaluated. The campus is only now returning to its new “normal” and the underutilization of Lot 19 parking spaces needs to be rigorously re-evaluated.
 - There is concern about eliminating parking spaces as the campus is expanding and alternative spaces have not been proposed. Therefore, the committee would like to know where the Lot 19 permit holders will be relocated, as parking is limited on the campus.
 - Some consultation with faculty and staff and documentation of Lot 19 utilization in the fall 2022 would strengthen the decision to eliminate the red lot parking spaces.
 4. The future transit center is adjacent to the proposed location of the new UTLF building. The interaction of the two spaces should be thoroughly addressed in this planning process.
 - The future transit center may lighten the parking needs of the campus.
 5. PRP would like to have an open communication channel and be informed about the decisions made in the UTLF planning process.
 - Gerry Bomotti (Vice Chancellor for Planning, Budget & Administration) and Jacqueline Norman (Assistant Vice Chancellor and Campus Architect) are receptive to PRP’s participation.
 - PRP would welcome receipt of the minutes of the UTLF planning meetings.
 - PRP is currently working with the Chair of the Senate (Sang-Hee Lee) to find a faculty member to represent PRP in these meetings.

In summary, PRP supports the Lot 19 location for the UTLF building and provides recommendations to ensure engagement of faculty in the UTLF planning process.

The proposal for the site of the new Undergraduate Teaching & Learning Facility (UTLF) has been sent to the Academic Senate for review and will be sent to other committees for consultation and will be reviewed by Executive Council before a response is sent back to the proposers.

AVC and Campus Architect, Jacqueline Norman, and VC Bomotti, provided the committee an update on the following projects:

1. Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Facility (UTLF)
2. OASIS Clean Tech Park – members of the committee noted that there is no CHASS membership on the working group
3. North District, phase 2. This is a joint project with Riverside Community College.
4. The School of Medicine II Building
5. Batchelor Hall renovations
6. Student Health building
7. School of Business Building

Last year PRP members noted their interest in having representation on capital project Working Groups. Jaqueline Norman noted that campus is now in the fortunate position to invite such participation in two new projects that are mobilizing to start planning/programming this Fall: The Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Facility as well as the OASIS Clean Tech Park.

Programming will begin for the projects mid Fall Quarter and each project will likely have weekly meetings, usually around two hours in length for the duration of the programming effort, probably around 4 -6 months. The committee discussed this in length and noted that because the majority of the committee members are assistant or associate professors, it is not feasible to appoint a member at this time. Chair Walling is working with Senate Chair Lee and the Committee on Committees Chair, Victor Ortego-Marti on alternatives. Jacqueline Norman offered to send monthly updates to the committee.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:22PM.

Approved: 02/07/2023

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