

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL RESOURCES PLANNING
MAY 30, 2023
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: M. Asaka; N. Gabor (ad hoc member)

Chair Walling called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

The Committee approved the minutes from the May 4, 2023, meeting.

Physical Resources Planning Committee discussed the OASIS project memo draft. There was special concern surrounding the lack of use of typical channels for shared governance in building projects, and a need to give feedback to administration on those discrepancies and a broader history regarding communication with Committee or lack thereof. The Committee expressed gratitude to Jacqueline Norman for her work with the Planning, Design, and Construction Building Project Website. The Committee is pleased with how the information is being presented and the receptivity of the administration for suggestions to the site. Memos to relevant parties are forthcoming.

Committee Chair Walling then opened the floor for discussion on Committee bylaws and practices, and how effectively they serve the needs of the Committee in building projects in the current climate. Complications brought to the floor included a need for representation on building project working groups as they arise, and a need for the Committee to be nimbler in accommodating the requests for consultation from the administration. Suggestions to address these issues included (1) increasing Committee membership, (2) changing the criteria for committee membership, (3) increasing meeting frequency, (4) establishing more specificity in the Committee charge, and (5) exploring options for a more efficient process of navigating Senate channels and administrative touchpoints with the time dependent nature of building projects on campus. An exploration into the history of the Committee bylaws and justifications is underway.

An update on the UTLF project was given focusing on the design plans for the building and the layout that is most supported by Faculty. The Capital Financial Plan was then introduced to the Committee. The Committee suggests adding short descriptors to the line items indicating what each project needs on the Capital Financial Plan and the reprioritization of some items to focus on projects with more urgent need including Rivera Library and buildings with leaking infrastructure. OASIS 2 project is suggested to be postponed from the Capital Finance Plan until OASIS I has demonstrated the ability to accomplish the community goals set forth.

In other business, the Committee expressed deep concern regarding the situation with the Agricultural Operations (AgOps) and the Citrus Variety collection. There is a rising homeless occupation of AgOps, harassment of UCR staff and students in the evening hours, break-ins and theft from facilities. Based on the fact that this is occurring in an international agricultural treasure and there is potential for substantial financial losses, the Committee believes it is imperative to bolster security measures in the area. Some suggestions include the improvement of infrastructure

to include internet and surveillance in the area and an increased police presence in the later hours to deter nefarious activity.

Memos for issues regarding the Capital Finance Plan, and the AgOPs are forthcoming. A reorganized version of the OASIS memo as well as memos about changes to PRP's bylaws, a change of membership, and the need for the Senate to expedite time-dependent decisions that impact buildings will be provided.

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17am

Approved: October 19, 2023

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