MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
September 7, 2006 - 3:30 p.m., Call Hall room 206

Present: Behnke, Collins, Condia, Gormely, Herald, Kearns, McKinney, Oberst, Shubert, Wang, Yahnke
Absent: Bloodgood, Rowlett, and Stokes
Proxies: Maddy
Guests: Skyler Harper and Stephanie Bannister

1. Tom Herald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The May 18, 2006 minutes stood approved as submitted.
3. Guest Speakers: Skyler Harper, Assistant Director, Housing & Dining and Stephanie Bannister – Presentation on Jardine Complex

After introductions, Bannister began the presentation by speaking about how the renovation began. She commented how Jardine is a unique community and Housing and Dining Services is more than just the landlord. They want to be global and imaginative in their approach to restructuring Jardine. There are three separate sites and contractors working on this project and they have been phenomenal in making this project unique.

Harper showed a video to the committee detailing the transformation of the Jardine Housing Complex. For information on the architecture companies involved with the renovations you can contact Housing and Dining Services. Phase one, which will allow for 735 beds, is projected to be finished by fall 2007. Phase two will be completed hopefully by fall 2010, which will make 1500 more beds available. All this will happen while maintaining 300 family units. They are still in the process of landscape design for phase one. Remodeling of lower end units, which will be mostly cosmetic and the price will approximately remain the same, will be completed fall 2007. The higher end units will happen later on.

The market has changed over time for the type of student living in this complex. It used to be mainly married couples, and now it is varied. They’re working very hard to create a community that reflects diversity within its tenants. The childcare center will probably remain within the complex. Total budget is $102,000,000. They are not state funded. The reason they are building in phases is to make sure with each phase that what is being done is still what is wanted. Students will be required to sign a lease, but right now it has been semester to semester. The form will not be exactly the same as it is now, but they hope to keep it flexible. Bannister commented that students respond to having more options available to them. Harper mentioned they have looked at possible incentives for those signing longer leases.

Parking was put around the perimeter specifically so as not interfere with pedestrian traffic. They have designed it at this point to allow for 75% capacity. Currently, Jardine residents have the ability to choose what type of K-State parking permit they purchase and their plan is to keep this option available.

It was asked how many units we are gaining after the remodel as well as what is going on with many of the residence halls. Harper responded that many of the residence halls’ rooms have been turned into suites. These are units with one or two rooms and a private bathroom. There are now over 900 suites available on campus. This also makes these dorms less crowded. Currently there are about 1,000 people living in Jardine and once renovation is completed, it will allow for 2,000.

What will the price comparison be? New units will be at market rate, so this could change by the time renovation is complete, but this would be approximately $400 per bed. These units will also be comparable to what is offered around town. They will have dishwashers, etc. The main point is that they have tried intentionally to protect the cost.
Yahnke asked about visiting faculty and whether or not Jardine Apartments can help meet this need. Bannister mentioned that there are faculty members working on proposals for this need. She commented that if room is available in Jardine Apartments they would love to assist. We will hear more about this in future months.

Meeting space will be available in the town tower that was shown in the video. It will allow for meeting space or class space. As far as retail, they would like to have some type of a convenient/food store, also a laundry facility or copy center. They will definitely get student input on this. You can visit www.housing.ksu.edu for more information.

4. Introduction of members and charge of committee
Herald briefly reviewed the charge of FSCOUP with the committee. He is a representative on the Advisory Committee on Campus Development and Planning and attended their recent meeting. He was impressed with the many construction projects going on around both the Manhattan and Salina campuses. He asked for updates from committee members on campus projects going on. Shubert commented that the city of Olathe is donating land to K-State for the purpose of creating a center to focus on food safety and security. It would be used for graduate purposes and research. There are no plans for buildings yet as it is in its initial stages. Behnke asked about the Sunflower Ammunition Factory project also in Olathe. There was not any concrete information on this. Oberst mentioned the building near the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital may possibly be completed in November. Behnke commented that the Flour Mill building on Kimball Avenue will be dedicated on October 21st. It was suggested to have faculty senate review the master plan for campus planning. A contract was negotiated for the parking garage and was signed. It is believed that construction will begin in May 2007. Student Senate is forming a committee to help work on shuttle systems and other forms of transportation during the construction phase. They’ve appointed Michael Burns as the student to be involved in this. Herald has also been appointed to this committee.

5. Announcements
A. Time and Location of Fall semester meetings:
   - October 5, 2006 meeting will be hosted by Keith Behnke, Agriculture (IGP Building on Kimball)
   - November 2, 2006 meeting will be hosted by George Wang, Human Ecology (146 Justin Hall)
   - December 7, 2006 meeting will be hosted by Sara Kearns, Library (503 Hale Library)

6. New Business –
   A. Effective Classroom Use: update Patrick Gormely
      It was necessary to collect data on classroom use if a proposal is ever to be made to expand or build a new classroom space. The committee met three times over the summer and Sharon Hauck along with Loleta Sump’s office provided information on general use classrooms for the past few semesters. It was noted that from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is little space available. During that time rooms are heavily used. However, before 9:30 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. there is a little more space available. The task force put together a report and turned it into President Wefald. Gormely felt that with the information found, a few changes could be made to help utilize the classrooms in a more effective way. He noted also that there is a still a need for more rooms.
   B. Ideas for future agendas
      Herald mentioned the possibility of having city or county commissioners as guests at our meetings. Kearns would be happy to help facilitate this. Behnke mentioned the disaster that has happened with parking and traffic direction during football games. This was not well coordinated between the city and our university. Behnke would like a little time at our next meeting to tour the IGP building.

7. For the Good of the University
Collins mentioned deferred maintenance and the committee briefly discussed the issue. Shubert briefly discussed a proposal that may be put forward to legislature.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.