

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, January 8, 2015
Student Union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson (chair), Joel DeRouchey, Diana Farmer, Gloria Holcombe, Reagan Kays, Mark Linville, Heather Reed, and Drew Smith

Absent: Jason Brody, Brad Burenheide, Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), John Devore, Julia Keen, Mark Weiss, and Spencer Wood

1. Barbara Anderson, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm
2. The December 11, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. New Business

A. Updates from Ryan Swanson, Associate Vice President, Division of Facilities and University Architect

Swanson handed out a draft of a semester by semester look at the physical construction which will be taking place on campus over the next two years. There will also be forums held in the near future to keep the campus aware of what will be happening. Due to the impact that construction will have to streets, parking, sidewalks, and buildings, we will all need to show patience.

He reviewed with committee members the expected layout of construction phases for the chilled water plant project. This led to lively discussion about the two rows of parking that will be removed permanently as well as other parking that will be affected by construction in general over the next two years. Swanson reported that a parking study of the entire campus is under way right now in conjunction with the North campus planning. The Council on Parking Operations is assisting with this. Swanson continued with a page by page discussion of the draft he handed out. How construction will affect student orientation and graduation in the summer as well as other issues were touched on. It was highly recommended that his office use a website and post daily or weekly updates to it. This would be extremely valuable. He responded that they have a website ready to go, but it needs polished up first. K-State Today will also be heavily used to provide updates during construction. As was mentioned earlier, parking will be difficult and should be addressed as well during this. Swanson and Abbott will coordinate their efforts on this.

Going back to the chilled water plant discussion, it was noted that the chiller plant will not automatically provide efficiencies for all buildings. This is because you can run the chilled water to the building, but there have to be air conditioning equipment and distribution systems in the building to make use of the chilled water. Therefore, for a building to benefit from the new chilled water distribution, construction would need to be done at a later date with different funds. Therefore, chillers are expected to be the

greatest benefit for new construction and future renovations. When the systems are up and running they will create energy efficiency. The funding and how the process works were also briefly discussed.

Swanson moved on to discuss the welcome center construction. This should be a construction project of a year and a few months. Again, the conversation went back to parking. It appears that during summer and fall of 2015 parking is going to be very strained. Committee members were also reminded that during August 15 to Fall 16 the Union renovations will be taking place. Committee members provided much feedback to Swanson and thanked him for the updates. He thanked members for their input and invitation to attend.

B. City/University Funds projects

Anderson reported to Swanson that FSCOUP is endeavoring to work this spring on proposals in order to that SGA, USS, and Faculty Senate can together, in the fall, put forward a consolidated list that has priority items from each body. She briefly reminded committee members what types of proposals the city would be agreeable to. Proposals affecting *public works and economic development* are what they want. Members discussed that the possible gateway proposed for Clafin road (from the information Swanson just shared) may be something they could propose using the funds for. Also, lighted posts near the edges of campus because they contribute to safety. Anderson recalled that using funds to begin better management of storm water runoff was a high priority from FSCOUP last year and should be considered as well. The year before last, the proposal included a feasibility study for the Marlatt Barn, which could be a meeting space. Lovers Lane realignment was talked about very briefly because it needs to be done, but there are not funds for it at this time. Anderson requested that if there is anything Swanson would like FSCOUP to think about for a proposal, please let her know. FSCOUP would like for a unified proposal to go forward from the University next fall.

4. Old Business

A. Faculty representative to future "space planning committee"

Swanson related that his goal of having a space committee is viable. However, in the short term, more of an ad hoc committee of a higher level may begin work so as to assist with the projects coming up quickly, as in the next six or seven months. He mentioned that either the FSCOUP chair or an appointee would likely be desired to serve on that ad hoc committee. Conversation ensued about guidelines that the ad hoc committee will need to create and use, hopefully by the middle of this spring semester. It was recommended that the permanent committee, which will eventually be formed, be an official university or presidential committee, which Swanson confirmed is the desire. It is thought that this long-term committee will likely need to meet twice a month.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2015; 3:30 pm; Union room 204