

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Thursday afternoon, March 7, 2013, union room 204 at 3:30 pm

Present: Barbara Anderson, Brad Burenheide, Bob Condia (chair), John Devore, Diana Farmer, Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Nate Spriggs, and Esther Swilley

Absent: Karen Blakeslee, Lynn Carlin, Steven Graham, Heather Reed, Drew Smith, Tom Vontz, and Mark Weiss

Guest: Ruth A. Dyer, PhD, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Master Plan Update Committee.

Visitor: Steve Logback

1. Bob Condia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm
2. The February 7, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Discussion on the KSU master Plan implementation with Ruth A. Dyer, PhD, and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Master Plan Update Committee.
Condia welcomed Sr. Vice Provost Ruth Dyer to bring committee members up to speed on the status of the various Campus Master Plans.

Sr. Vice Provost Ruth Dyer report: Ayers Saint Gross was last on campus in early November 2012. As in past visits, many open forums were held and visions of the master plan were discussed. The release of the final draft was delayed in order to incorporate the housing and dining and KSU Student Union plans. In recent weeks administration has received the final draft report from Ayers Saint Gross. When the report is released to the campus, it will not have a comment period as the other 2025 theme reports have had. This is due to the fact there have been many, many feedback loops and comment periods during its creation.

The draft was given to the Master Plan Update committee for final input and edits. They held a meeting last week and Dyer, along with Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, Cindy Bontrager, are combining their notes from that meeting and when completed will verify with committee members they have heard their input correctly. Those final edits will then be submitted to Ayers Saint Gross.

The final document should come back to K-State in the near future for presentation to campus. Dyer is hopeful they can present the campus master plan to Board of Regents in April; however, depending on timing it could perhaps be pushed to May's agenda.

There are a few pieces they are waiting on, such as the transportation and parking, landscape, and way finding and signage report, to be folded into the final report.

Discussion: Were there any parts that turned out differently than expected? Were there pieces that received greater attention from individuals than others? Dyer responded that some of the small details were not completely outlined in the draft. This was purposeful on the part of Ayers Saint Gross; they wanted to allow final creative detail to members of the campus. The CPDA (Campus Planning and Development Advisory) committee would be the ones to finalize input and send it to Ayers Saint Gross. Ben Champion has been named the CPDA committee chair and is working to reformat the committee to use it most effectively. A FSCOUUP committee member noted there are building sites on the plan, but prioritization is missing. Dyer commented this was intentional. It is important to have various sites available for use that way as projects arise it can be determined what the best site it on they can evaluate them on an individual basis. Future buildings likely will be the result of donor contributions; the state will not be contributing to building projects in the foreseeable future.

Committee members discussed the conceptual plan. Was there work done with city planners? Dyer responded they did meet with city staff. They also met with neighbors who border the university, such as business owners in Aggieville, the Catholic Church, etc. Dyer encouraged people to keep in mind that while there are *blocks* for buildings, these are merely place holders. The plan does not map out how many stories a building will be, etc. Also, in beginning to use this master plan, the culture will have to shift as far as parking and transportation. It was noted that some have changed their habits already with regard to parking and this is a good indicator for the future. It was suggested that perhaps the master plan could be released as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations. This idea will be passed on the appropriate persons.

It is expected the final report will be released to campus prior to President Schulz releasing it to the Board of Regents. It is an excellent plan and Dyer is excited to have it presented to the Board.

Paulien & Associates has provided a detailed report regarding space utilization, which was sent out to deans and the Master Plan Update Committee for their input. Once their feedback is received, it will be provided to the consultants. The consultant gives information based on projected student increase, as well as faculty and staff associated with that growth, and what kind of space should be available. They look to national guidelines and give information on how things stand now and where they should be in future years.

Committee members discussed the vision of how campus will look as changes take place, in accordance with what will be outlined in the Master Plan. It was mentioned that some spaces on campus are rented to outside agencies; which needs to eventually be resolved.

Condia encouraged members to build enthusiasm for the release of the report. He thanked Sr. Vice Provost Dyer for visiting the committee.

4. Carlin – report on the forming of a 2025 Task Force for the Common Theme of Sustainability: to be organized very soon to be charged in March? FSCOUUP is still awaiting further information on this.

5. Faculty Club \ Intellectual Commons

Condia would like to have FSCOUP create a survey to go out to the campus. It was commented, after doing research, this should not be called an Intellectual Commons. That term was tied to Intellectual Property, etc. It was suggested FSCOUP come up with a few key questions, perhaps less than ten, that would provide the information they need to move to the next step. Condia asked if there were a few members of this committee that could work together to come up with a few questions? Swilley offered to assist with the survey, as well as Lynn-Sherow. They will work together to come up with a list of questions around spring break and then, after comments from other FSCOUP members, it will be crafted into a few short question survey. A few questions perhaps might be: Would you pay for a faculty club? What would you like it to have? What should it include?

6. New Business --

Condia reminded committee members a new chair of FSCOUP will be needed for the upcoming year.

Committee members discussed the Faculty Compensation Task Force report and some of the recommendations outlined. Some perhaps should be noted as guiding principles for future efforts. Further discussion ensued. It was favorably received that perhaps a special session should be held again. It was also commented that perhaps a student should have been included in that task force.

The fund allocation process was briefly discussed. Some have heard that in future years perhaps things will be allocated in a different manner (Question about whether this is rumor or fact?).

Condia discussed future meeting agendas. In April perhaps Spriggs could discuss the KSU Union plan in detail with committee members. Condia also mentioned in the future having Kansas Legislators visit a FSCOUP meeting again like they did last year.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, Union room 205 at 3:30 pm.