

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING
Thursday, October 1, 2015; 2:00 pm
Union Cottonwood room

Present: Barbara Anderson, Brad Burenheide, Stu Duncan, Gloria Holcombe, Byron Jones, Heather Reed, Dave Rintoul, Drew Smith, Mark Weiss, and Spencer Wood (Chair)

Guest: Steven Graham

Proxies: Christina Geuther for Laurel Littrell

Absent: Lynn Carlin (Liaison for Provost Office), Tori Culbertson, Andy Hurtig, and Tim Keane

1. Spencer Wood, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. The September 3, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - A. City/University Project recommendations – finalize
 - 1) Bus Stop Shelters – removed from list at this time
 - 2) Parking garage – Aggieville – removed from list at this time
 - 3) Watershed management – will move forward

Wood reviewed how this process has developed over time and reminded all of the letter of agreement signed between the three senate bodies last year. Members discussed the projects suggested thus far. The parking garage idea for use between Aggieville and campus will be removed from the list. Anderson updated members on the status. After further investigation and based on the 2012 Master plan it was discovered that the corner members had discussed for a parking garage has been designated for the Arts expansion for the campus and it is unlikely it will become parking of any substantial nature. It was recognized that the core campus parking problems still remain; however, pursuing this particular project at this time doesn't seem appropriate. It will remain as an idea for another year. Discussion ensued. The North campus plan was briefly discussed in relation to parking; also having additional busses and a shorter amount of time between drop-offs. The issue was raised about how less parking will affect students who have classes in the evening.

Bus stop shelters. Holcombe relayed the information she was given. She was also asked questions such as what should the aesthetic look be; where will the curb cuts go; is the shelter mainly for students or for faculty/staff, etc. There are multiple questions that go along with this particular idea. A shelter by leadership studies was thought to be a good idea. There is a committee doing a reassessment of where all the bus routes should be so it may be prudent to wait on the outcome of that. Perhaps money could be requested to do a study about where the shelters need to be placed and have a good concept of what they should look like. There should be creative thinking about how to make the shelters more economically feasible. A clear or see-through structure for the

shelters was discussed as being a safety feature. Discussion continued. It was agreed these should be placed in the obvious places where the routes will not change. Perhaps lighting and cross-walks near the south of Manhattan could be included this time around rather than the bus stop shelters; since it appears they're not ready for these.

Storm water management. Wood reviewed with members the student design he distributed. The primary benefit of this being implemented would be to the city. Flooding is happening more frequently due to heavy rains within shorter amounts of time. The approach outlined in this design is ecologically responsible and also timely for both the city and university. A watershed study has already been done; it seems a design study is needed in order to have this project "construction ready." The request for funding should be for a professional to do the technical design drawings. This would be a request for funding for a two-three year project. This could be a feeder project to campus creek project, which is massive. It was discussed that future building on the North side of campus only increases the water run off problem. It was noted several studies have already been completed so now is the time to move forward with this.

The consensus was to move this forward as a multi-year project. Cost was discussed. Wood is working to get overall cost estimates for the Oct. 6 meeting with the three senate bodies. This is a suitable idea to move forward. If members have further input, please let him know.

B. City/University committee – three nominations for service on the city's committee

Three nominees need to be put forward to serve on the city's committee. As it is understood only one will be selected. All three need to fill out the paperwork requested by the city by going to their website. There is desire to have some continuity in who serves; however, unsure if this is possible. The FS Executive committee discussed perhaps someone else sitting in at the city's meetings as well; the FSCOUP chair is the likely person for this. Three individuals were identified to be the nominees: Steven Graham, Barbara Anderson, and Gloria Holcombe.

C. Response to emergency situations was brought up. Perhaps as a planning committee, we should find out what is currently being done in this regard. It would be appropriate to invite Vice President Cindy Bontrager to come to a meeting and report on what the plan for emergency situations is. Not just a shooter on campus, but for example a broken gas line, paint fumes, etc. Communication needs to be improved. Wood will follow up on this.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 5; 2:00 pm; Union room 203