

**2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR-END REPORT OF THE
UNIVERSITY-WIDE FACILITIES COMMITTEE
June 17, 2010**

This was a different year for the University-Wide Facilities Committee. In keeping with our goal of only calling a meeting when there were important matters to discuss and decide, we only met three times—in September, November, and April. However, as chair, I kept in communication with both President Rita Morris and Vice-President Elinda Boyles in order to keep the UWFC “at the ready” to assist with any SSU facilities concerns.

Our average attendance at meetings was nine members. The major items of discussion this academic year were:

This year the UWFC met five times with an average attendance of ten members. Major tasks in terms of time and energy consumption were:

- **Completion of the University Center Expansion and Renovation .**
- **Completion of two new faculty and staff parking lots**
- **SSU’s continuing growth in student enrollment supports the need to continue building residence halls with the assistance of private developers.**
- **Due to the down turn in the country’s and state’s economy, Ohio reduced its funding of SSU by \$500,000. Therefore, SSU had to modify or put on hold several of the planned facilities projects such as replacing the Founders’ Plaza, and creating a multi-purpose athletic field.**
- **With reference to the Campus Master Plan, SSU has been in discussions with the City of Portsmouth concerning the vacating of that portion of 3rd Street which runs through SSU’s campus.**
- **On-going concern for Energy Conservation. Ohio House Bill 251 mandates that Universities save 15% of their energy costs, using the Year 2004 as a base line. SSU’s UIS has on-going research studies on PC computers: how to configure in order to save energy.** The new University Center is utilizing a new geo-thermal heating system, which may be tied into a few other campus buildings. Installation of Siemens Controllers for HVAC has helped a lot. The Maintenance Department has replaced most or all of the ceiling light bulbs to use a more energy-efficient bulb.
- Neil Hatcher offered the use of the former Social Security Building on Fourth Street for SSU’s use. The Department of Teacher Education will move into the building over the summer, sometime in July and early August.

- There were several requests for installing several more asphalt speed bumps around campus, especially on Mill Street [the service road along the flood wall]. Fast moving vehicle traffic is often a concern.

All-in-all, it was a productive year with several very dedicated committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

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