

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE FACILITIES COMMITTEE
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Members present: Patric Leedom, Mark Moore, Randy Warman, Lori Perry, Carl Daehler, Nancy Bentley, Joe Van Deusen [sitting in for Butch Kotcamp] Keenan Perry, Tracy Conn, Butch Ferguson. Ray Nobel, President of SGA sat in to represent SGA. Toward the end of the meeting Chuck Warner and Elinda Boyles arrived from another meeting.

At 3:10 P.M. Patric Leedom called the meeting to order. And introduced Ray Noble to the committee. In introducing the packet of papers for the meeting, Patric reported that Mistie Spicer stated in the President's Letter of Charging the University-Wide Committees, that she, Mistie might be meeting with the various committees to see how they could assist with meeting the University System of Ohio [USO] goals. Patric referred to a few pages from the USO Strategic Plan that mention facilities issues. System Finances-Managing Resources Efficiently Page 98, lower right corner "Campus energy conservation should also be greatly enhanced over the next 6 years as a result of Sub. H.B. 251...

Page 99. Bringing Sate Support to the National Average "Until recently, Ohio had not tried to determine the "right amount" of capital appropriations needed for higher education facilities....

Page 100 Right column " It goes without saying that efficiency in the use of existing facilities will help stretch every dollar and help reduce future capital needs.....

Page 106 Accountability Measures. 20 criteria. # 8 "Percent of facilities in satisfactory condition or needing only minor rehabilitation...2017 target 70%. [SSU already meets this criteria.]

FIRST ITEM of business. Carl Daehler shared with the committee information that he receives concerning ways to conserve energy, for example ways to configure your computer; special screen savers, and changing SSU's policy of changing out computers every three years to every five years.

Joe Van Deusen responded that the "3 year Cycle" has been suspended. Randy Warman says he thought the policy was now 4 years. Joe V. said that Microsoft Windows now has more options available in order to save energy. He also reminded the Committee that House Bill 251 mandates that universities save 15% on their energy, using the year 2004 as a base line. He continued, we have spent the last 1 ½ years negotiating with SIEMENS-{the firm that provides automatic controls for the heating and

air conditioning equipment} to conserve energy. [Note most of the buildings at SSU are equipped with Siemens controllers, except Vern Riffe Center which still uses TRANE.] Joe reported that from 2004 to 2009 SSU has already saved 13% on its energy. One example is that classrooms are equipped with occupancy sensing devices, such that when a person enters that room, the vents open and the air is conditioned. When no one is in the room, the vents close.

Joe also reported that Facilities has changed the heating and ventilation system for the 3rd Floor of Massie—where all the labs, animals, etc. are kept. It is now more efficient.

Facilities is also changing out ceiling light bulbs from T-12 Lighting to T-8. Which is much more efficient. This has been done to the Library, University Center, Kricker, Allied Health, the new Facilities Office. Now they are looking to fix the ATC.

Lori Perry brought up a problem: in Massie Hall, noticeably on the second floor, the air handling system is sometimes quite noisy-whistles and whines. Joe responded that they are working on it.

SECOND ITEM of business. 3:36 Ray Noble was asked to present a request from SGA. He stated that there is a strong need for more bike racks near the entrances to University Center. He mentioned that students are chaining their bikes to any handy place, e.g. light poles. Ray noted that there are some bike racks around Massie Hall that are not being used much, and could they be moved to UC? Randy W. spoke up and said he meets weekly with the UC Construction Committee and indeed they have been discussing bike racks, and SSU will provide more soon. There was discussion that special concrete pads would need to be poured next to sidewalks and entrances so people would not trip over the bikes and racks as they enter and exit the building.

Mark Moore suggested that once those bike racks are in place, Security ought to issue tickets to anyone chaining their bikes to light poles or other improper places. Ray also mentioned that there was a need for more bike racks over around the Campus View Residence Halls. Randy said he would communicate that to Neil Hatcher, who built and owns the Campus View buildings.

THIRD ITEM of business. 3:52 Joe Van Deusen began his Update Report. He mentioned a recent letter from Dr. Morris discussing the occupancy of two off campus buildings—one at 310 Chillicothe Street [the former Mike’s TV and Appliance Store] and the former Social Security Building on Fourth Street. He noted that two departments on campus are considering moving to the Social Security Building—one of the health sciences departments, and teacher education.

Joe announced that the University Center Renovations will be completed sometime in the middle of December, that the crews are working two and three shifts, but it would be close. Patric and Randy commented that January 2010 had been announced as the finish target date.

Joe mentioned that the Multi-Purpose Athletic Field project has been placed on hold for now.

Butch Ferguson asked if we were ever going to get that block of Sinton Street now closed off, back open again? He also suggested that we take another look at acquiring the Spartan Stadium. Which now sits empty much of the time. There was support for this idea and lots of discussion. Tracy C. mentioned that we already use Branch Ricky Park; Joe mentioned that there are two softball fields within the Stadium property. Nothing was decided.

Randy Warman brought up the subject of sidewalks. 1. The current pattern layout of sidewalks on campus is not always convenient, especially between Massie Hall, the Library, and the Vern Riffe Center. We should redesign and change the pattern to match people’s actual walking patterns. 2. On the west side of the Parking Lot E [Upper Level], adjacent to Sinton Street, there is no sidewalk. We need one there.

FOURTH ITEM of business: Chuck Warner, arrived late from another meeting, but came prepared to discuss UIS’s efforts to save energy with computer lab usage. He provided a handout “Saving Energy at SSU with S3 Sleep” [previously passed out last year]. UIS has been able to institute this procedure in a few of the labs such as Massie 111, 150, and the new Massie 210. UIS is now focusing on Allied Health 239. Randy asked Chuck if individuals could implement the S3 on their own computers. Chuck said yes, but he would have to send everyone written instructions as to how to do that. Patric asked Chuck if UIS was able to

calculate the actual energy cost savings? Chuck responded that they know they are saving money, but the actual amount is difficult to impossible to calculate because so many different variables must be taken into account.

Joe V. commented that there are times when he is called at home to change the settings on heating or air conditioning, and if his office computer was shut down, he would not have that capability.

4:10 Mark Moore made a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted Patric Leedom, Chair, and occasional secretary.