

Physical Environment Committee Minutes As amended 9/10/14

July 8, 2014
8:15 am
Lincoln Building Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Ted Curtis & Harvey Sterns – Co-Conveners
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Shelly Keller
ABSENT	Ted Curtis – Co-Convener Deans-Vacant Position Zac Kisor Rachael Thut
ATTENDEES	Stewart Blessing Ann Hassenpflug – Vice Chair Julie Hykes Chuck Kunsman Shelly Keller - Secretary Denise Montanari Ralph Morrone Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener Shawn Stevens William Thelin
INVITED GUESTS	Ralph Morrone

Agenda topics

MINUTE APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	Approval of the 6/17/14 minutes was requested.
CONCLUSIONS	Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie seconded the motion, all members in attendance were in favor.

MEETING ITEMS

General Discussion

- The Stitzlein Building came down yesterday. Green grass will be there for now.
- Tour will be scheduled in August for Central Hower. Shelly will contact Jim Haskell and arrange it.
- September through November meetings will be held the second wed of each month at 8:15am. The December meeting will be the third Wednesday.
- The Committee made note they would like to invite the President to one of our future meetings. It was decided that invite should come from Ted after the President is able to get his feet wet and has some more time.
- **Central Hower Update** - Demo phase is 95% complete. There seems to be no reason to not meet the deadlines. Ceilings were modified. In the beginning of August residents of Zook will be moved out and into Central Hower. Mid to end of Aug construction on Zook will start. Board of Trustees gave recommendation for the asbestos and reconstruction of Zook. Construction documents will start in next two weeks. No solidified plans for Zook right now. Within the next month we should expect to see those. Harvey advised the College of Education should start asking questions now. Program requirements will be first things to look for. Next will be the schematic design done by the architect. Design development will provide a clear path for departments to know where they are at in the process. It is for these reasons that the Flow Chart was established. Ralph passed out the Revised Flow Chart. The flow chart was the preferred method chosen by the University Council at the February 11th meeting. (See ATTACHMENT 7-8-14 CPFM Physical Environment Communications Flow R3)
- After much deliberation by the committee it was decided that Harvey will reach out to Dean Clark and then the Provost if necessary.
- IT/Network Services was added to the Flow Chart at Sage's request. The changed was approved as amended by University Council.
- **New Downtown Arena Discussion** - Still preliminary, until there is language for the October ballot and financials put to it, it is very up in the air. Harvey explained issues with Knight Center that UA faced in the past. We could never get a University of Akron representative on the board.
- **Library update** - Lisa Lazar communicated with Ted and Harvey that the Library Committee feels they should have input on these discussions. As a group, we too would appreciate suggestions and ideas from that committee. Harvey spoke on Library space and how the state is not approving library space. This consolidation discussion started with not enough staff and trying to save money. Someone needs to educate our groups on what library ideas are for the next 50 yrs. Would Haskell be able to help with space discussions? Library with study space or library with storage space? Timing on receiving materials that are not on campus is also an issue. Collection is not large enough (Phi Beta Kappa). Will there be modifications this is the time? Shelly will schedule library tours with Jim Haskell and advise the committee on the tour date.
- Question was raised on why our group was not consulted about the demolition of the Stitzlein Building. We need to consider our vacant spaces and find ways to combine and make all spaces useable. This committee should be involved in those issues. Martin Center - what will be done? The functions of that building shifted to others. Ballet Center? It is an old church, what to do with that space?
- Bierce Library tunnel going in and many more upgrades to that tunnel will be added this year and next. The landscaping will be pulled back. Ted and the Giving Group talking to the Martin family on a garden going there or something less abrasive on the view.
- **Performance Contract (PC) Update –**
 - **Campus Lighting**- parking lots and walk way lights are being retrofitted with new energy efficient fixtures. Bright white LED lights will be used in lieu of orange High Pressure Sodium.
 - **Knight Chemical** – Knight Chemical is undergoing a +/- \$9million renovation and is being phased per floor and per quadrant as to minimally disrupt research and lab spaces. This renovation is exclusively for lab hoods, associated benches & cabinets, and related HVAC. It is funded through the PC bonds through the Air Quality Authority.

Bill moved to close the meeting and Julie seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor.

Next Meetings:

- September 10, 2014 - 8:15am
- October 8, 2014 - 8:15am
- November 12, 2014 - 8:15am
- December 17, 2014 - 8:15am