

Physical Environment Committee Minutes

January 25, 2018
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvey Sterns
TYPE OF MEETING	University Council Committee Meeting
FACILITATORS	Harvey Sterns
NOTES SUBMITTED BY:	Dorothy Gruich

Members

Name	Constituent Group	Term End Date	
Steve Myers	Administrator	Continuous	Present
Harvey Sterns, Chair	Faculty Senate	2018	Present
Ann Hassenpflug, Vice Chair	Faculty Senate	2018	Absent
Terry Daugherty	Chairs/School Directors	Continuous	Absent
Pam Brandenstein	CPAC – at large	2020	Present
Dorothy Gruich	CPAC	2018	Present
Don Visco	Deans	Continuous	Present
Max Fightmaster	SEAC	2018	Present
Shawn Stevens	SEAC – at large	2020	Present
Aneury Pichardo	GSG	2018	Present
TBD	GSG		
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Guests

Minutes Approval

DISCUSSION	Approval of the February 22, 2018 minutes were requested
CONCLUSIONS	All members in attendance approved the minutes

General Discussion

- It was motioned to accept the January agenda – all those in attendance approved
- Spring semester meeting dates were established. All meetings are 12:30-1:45pm.
 - 2/22/18
 - 3/22/18
 - 4/26/18
 - 5/24/18
- Stephen Myers provided a variety of campus and project updates:
- Custodial Services: The new outsourced custodial company has taken over from ABM; Andy Henry has taken over the UA custodial services since Frankie Thompson retired. There was discussion regarding how special events are prepped and serviced, for example Scholars Day. Individuals should contact their building coordinators to make arrangements for special events and/or problem areas. Anyone can also call PFOC at x7415 to report problem areas. Staff with approval can submit WebTMA work requests through <http://www.uakron.edu/pfoc/>
- Scheduled electrical shutdowns went well except for the January 2 inclement weather interference. Work is postponed to the week after commencement due to the shutdown requirements.
- The Adult Focus office has moved to the Polsky Building.
- The Grant high rise has been demolished.
- An Aramark mini-mart 'pod' has been installed in front of the conference rooms in Quaker Square.
- The demolition of the former blood bank building will take place in March. Green space is planned for the area.
- Gallucci Hall currently has 80,000 sq. ft. of empty space, with the Crystal Room located on the north side. The university is seeking donations to renovate the space or move the Crystal Room and demo the building.
- The Cummings Center has a request to the February Board of Trustees meeting for \$700,000 to finish the National Museum of Psychology and a \$4.2 million GMP (guaranteed maximum price) for the 3rd and 4th floors renovation to house the Institute for Human Science and Culture.
- Gender Neutral Bathroom Update - There are 24 unisex restrooms converted to gender neutral restrooms on campus. John Messina is working with Bob Kropf to create a website consisting of a map to all locations. Single stall restrooms will be incorporated as new construction and renovations take place on campus.

- Construction will begin in May at the College of Business Administration. Currently in the design and development phase. The addition consists of 2 floors, 10,000 sq. ft. of additional space and 2,000 sq. ft. of renovation. It will take @ 18 months to complete.
- Work on the LBJ Family Foundation 3rd floor I Promise suite at Infocision Stadium will be going out to bid.
- Update on Simmons Hall: The Office of Multicultural Development is moved into their new space. The Veterans Center is still waiting as are other moves.
- Zook Hall signage is installed to locate departments and faculty.
- Exchange Street Bike Path – UA is in the planning stages of work with the city of Akron and the Knight Foundation to create a bike path on Exchange Street that will go from the Ohio Erie Canal Lock offices on Water/Exchange streets and extend to Arlington Street. The bike paths will travel in both directions and will eliminate at least 1 traffic lane.
- UA is working to seek proposals for new energy procurement. The university pays \$8-10 million annually on electricity.
- UA is seeking natural gas bids as well to find lower costs.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm

Next Meetings

Meetings Schedule: all meetings are at 12:30 pm in the Lincoln Building Conference Room 3rd floor

- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- Thursday, March 22, 2018
- Thursday, April 26, 2018
- Thursday, May 24, 2018