

**Campus Physical Planning Committee (CPPC)
May 1, 2008**

Present:	Jack Ahern	Barbara Morgan
	Jim Cahill	Matt Morin
	Pat Daly	Sally O'Shea
	Bryan Harvey	Alex Peterkin
	Jeanne Horrigan	H. Dennis Ryan
	Ernest May	Steve Schreiber
	Ed Mientka	Hillary Woodcock

I. The meeting minutes from February and March were approved. April's meeting was cancelled.

II. Construction Updates

- A. Campus Power Plant - Jim Cahill reported on the updates on the Central Heating Plant. The boilers are now in operation. We are waiting on air permits to make use of the utility. The loadshed test for the generator of power is delayed, but has been corrected. The loadshed test will be by end of May or early June. They will be power to the CHP in mid-July.
- B. ISB – The contractors are planning completion by January of 2009. We want to be able to access the building in November to begin the move in. The chilled water plant is in commissioning process.
- C. Art Building – The art building is completed. We have the certificate of occupancy and people will be moving in now and throughout the summer. All spaces will be operational in the fall.
- D. Skinner – Skinner is slightly behind schedule. We hope to take it over in late June or early July. It will be fully operational in the fall.

Recreation Center - The Recreation Center is underway. We have made it through all the issues with MHC and it is now under construction. The completion date will be September 2009.

We are about to begin design for the new police station.

A question was asked as to the occupancy for the top floor of ISB. The top floor has been decided for the Veterinary and Animal Science Department.

There is backfill space available as a result of moving into the new buildings. There are a lot of requests for the space that art will be vacating. We are taking requests and evaluating.

We are beginning a study for the new lab building that will be advertised next Wednesday. We will be hiring for the \$100M state funded lab building. The study will also include the life sciences building, although funding for it may not be available for five years. The preferred location for the next lab building is adjacent to the ISB building.

Update on Stockbridge Road Corridor – There are two finalists that are due to submit proposals tomorrow, Carol Johnson and Towers Golde. Towers Gold ranked number 1.

III. Policy Implementation Updates

Pat Daly reported on the policy implementation update. This was implemented in April. As of last week 84 vehicles were cited by the police. This is in force and there is no intention to put in barriers. There have been no problems with vendors on campus. The News Office and Procurement were a big help in getting the information to the campus..

There is a need to define the bike lanes versus where people are supposed to be. Bike lanes will be painted in soon.

IV.Landscape Policy Discussion and Vote (Professor Ahern)

Professor Ahern reported on the landscape policy. He felt there was reason to focus on the CLIP plan. He felt the plan was deficient and there was no mention of sustainability. In previous discussions, the committee thought the plan was a loose guideline, but the plan is being followed. They want to encourage and promote faculty and students in their teaching and research. Many majors use the various plants and trees on campus as a resource. A survey that was conducted with faculty and students and various departments mentioned they use the plantings in their teachings.

It was suggested to get the survey so that we may add it to the statement. Physical Plant is working with a CLIP consultant on this.

Pat Daly mentioned that with the planting of trees or other shrubs on campus there is the question of maintaining the plants. Also with benches, if something is built, PP has to be sure that it is in good condition.

Issues were brought up regarding the trees that have been taken down. It was suggested to put a moratorium on the CLIP Report on major vegetation. Jim mentioned that the members should capture what they are concerned about. Trees should not be planted without consideration of the maintenance involved. There needs to be a rational approach. We would like to declare that the CLIP Report is done.

Jack Ahern recommended changes to the Landscape information. Ernie May made amendments to the policy to make things more general. Jack is willing to go through revisions and wants the committee to meet again so he can discuss the revised draft. The committee should meet and vote sometime in May.

A motion was presented that the committee is willing to vote on this. All were in favor.

Roger suggested the landscape for learning and survey results should be brought to the next meeting .

B. EPAC – Craig Ruberti spoke to the committee on behalf of the EPAC Committee. The EPAC committee was formed within higher education to improve Environmental Performance and Sustainability.

The three key pieces of the committee are: to assess and recommend ways to reduce environmental impacts of the campus in a manner which incorporates sound business practices, develop and recommend a 5 to 10 year plan to reduce the campus' carbon footprint based upon current benchmarks and advise the Chancellor's Executive Board on all matters related to campus environmental performance including adjustments to operating policies and/or practices.

Governor Patrick is coming on board and establishing objectives and targets for state entities. The key piece is the LEED discussion. Jim gave a presentation on green buildings to EPAC..

The American College & University Presidential Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) convened over a year ago. There have been 539 institutions that have signed on to this commitment.

Waste/Recycling – For FY 07 the on campus waste/recycling rate is 52%, which is the best in the country.

Water – There has been a 36% reduction in potable water consumption on campus.

This information can be found on the EPAC website.

Meeting Adjourned 4:05 p.m.

Next Meeting May 22.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Webster