

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO  
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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes

September 22, 2017

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, John Bushoven, Mike Coles, Kirsten Corey, Hongwei Dong, Devon Fullner, Paul Halajian, Thomas Holyoke, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Frank Lamas, Sara Mitchel, Dennis Nef, Myunghwan Shin, Rich Vaillancour, Katie Williamson, Sandra Witte, William Wright and Blake Zante

Absent: Derek Brantley, Eric Chan (CO), Rick Finden, Brad Hyatt, Laura Meyer, Chris Pluhar, Donald Stengel and Mike Tillman

Guests: Rodney Gleghorn, Jason Holtz, Virginia Mathew, Michael Mosinski, Lori Pardi, Kathy Yarmo, Amber Hammons, Alicia Nelson and Colin Stewart

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Approval of the September 22, 2017, agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the March 17, 2017 minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes.
3. Bulldog Trails Walking Route Markers (*Informational*) – Yarmo/Mosinski

Kathy Yarmo, with the Student Health and Counseling Center, and Dr. Amber Hammons, with the Child, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, are co-chairs of the planning coalition for the Healthier Campus Initiative a Partnership for a Healthier America. It is a three-year commitment whereby Fresno State selected 23 healthy guidelines to implement on campus.

One of the guidelines is to provide marked walking routes on campus. The project group met with various campus representatives, including CAIFE project members, to identify a one-mile and a two-mile route. Nineteen (19) markers were identified, six for the one-mile route and the remainder for the two-mile.

The proposed posts measure 42” in height. The project team is considering adding Braille, solar or LCD lighting, and incorporating the One Sense Campus Beacon Program. The estimated cost for the markers is approximately \$13,672 (excludes Braille and site prep).

One-time Student Success funding provided by the Office of the Chancellor and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will be used for this project.

The project team has been in consultation with Derek Brantley, Parking Administrator, and Mike Mosinski, University Grounds Manager, to ensure signage is consistent with campus standards and to determine ground preparations that will be necessary prior to installation.

A-Plus Signs, the vendor used for our current signage on campus, was selected for this project.

The committee was supportive of the project and requested additional review of the following:

- Explore the use of Braille, as this will affect the height and placement of the posts.
- Provide an elevation drawing with a person standing next to a sign.
- Review and reconsider the quantity of markers required for this project, being mindful of the existing signage, specifically the wayfinding and no-smoking signs recently added.
- Explore the routes (or additional routes) in consultation with the Wellness program.
- Continue to work with Facilities and Risk Management, specifically as it pertains to maintenance and risk.

Consultation will also take place with the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access. The goal is to begin installing the signage in spring of 2018.

Dr. Hammons added that one of the other guidelines that the group would like to implement is the creation of outdoor workout/exercise stations around campus.

Mr. Mosinski commented that the group spearheading this project is working with Rich Vaillancour, the university's landscape architect, and Facilities Management to identify potential locations and develop site plans. There was considerable discussion regarding the exercise equipment.

Preliminary recommendations: consult with other campuses that have implemented this type of activity to learn more about the number of locations, usage, and risk; ensure that the work/material meets playground requirements if necessary; review maintenance, repair and potential opportunities for vandalism; review aesthetics and how these stations will integrate with the campus grounds.

#### 4. Demonstration Garden and Outdoor Classroom Proposal (*Informational*) – Cathy Yun

Dr. Cathy Yun, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, and Christina Macias, Graduate Candidate, presented information regarding the development and maintenance of a demonstration garden and outdoor classroom space for the campus.

The proposed interdisciplinary research and community model would be multi-layered and support play-based outdoor learning and investigation, science experiences, and garden-based education. It will provide opportunities in the areas of teacher training/professional development, interdisciplinary research, curriculum development, and provide access to early science experiences for the community.

Some of the concepts that would be incorporated include sensory and water gardens for the Huggins Center, music garden, native plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables, cultural gardens, student garden boxes, program and research specific boxes, row crops, fruit trees, erosion demonstrations, a covered meeting and demonstration area, and informational walking trails.

The proposed site is a quarter-acre plot located north of Shaw Avenue, between the Lab School and the Huggins Center playground.

There was significant discussion regarding the proposed location, size, safety, maintenance and operation of the garden.

The proposed location might not be feasible as there may be other projects planned for this site. Given its proximity to Shaw Avenue, a fence may be necessary to mitigate vandalism.

Site review will continue. It was recommended that additional information regarding maintenance, an operational plan and alternative locations return to the committee for further consideration.

5. Tents for Warmerdam Field (*Informational*) – Holtz/Kriebs

The Department of Athletics would like to add two (2) stand-alone shade structures at Warmerdam Field. One would be located on the DG on the east end of the field and the other tent will be on the cement pad on the west end.

SportsPlay, the vendor, would install the poles. Once these are secure, the Department of Athletics will install the shade structures. These will replace the use/need for pop-up tents currently used to provide shade for our student-athletes and others using the field.

The shades are low maintenance, measure 12' x 20' and will be red. The color scheme is consistent with other athletic facilities in this area. Their lifespan is approximately 3-5 years.

Campus Planning Committee members did not have any concerns with the proposed project. There was general consensus to approve the project as presented with the following condition. Should the color of the canopy fade and/or begin to look dreary, the shade will be replaced by the Athletics Department at the request of Facilities Management.

6. Additional Locations for Student Clubs/Organizations Booths (*Action*) – Mosinski/Vaillancour

Student Involvement has received many requests for additional booth spaces for student clubs and organizations. The proposed area for these additional spaces is located directly on west side of the University Student Union and east of the speakers' platform.

The plan is to upgrade the area and increase capacity to create spaces for eight (8) additional booths. The design is consistent with the aesthetics of the Peace Garden. Some of the trees at this location are past their lifespan and will be removed. Access to the booths and surrounding area will be ADA compliant. Lighting is not part of this project.

Dr. Lamas expressed his appreciation on behalf of the students and emphasized the need for additional booth spaces. There are over 270 recognized student clubs and organizations on campus and less than 30 booth spaces available to them.

Chair Astone reiterated that the intent of this project is to make the accommodation for additional booths. What is being proposed for approval is the hardscape and landscape plans for this area, with the understanding that eight (8) is the maximum number of booths that can be accommodated at this site.

Dr. Witte moved to approve the project as presented, seconded by Mr. Halajian. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

7. Proposed Equestrian Locker Room Building (*Informational*) – Mitchel/Gleghorn

Sara Mitchel, Interim Director for Planning, Design and Construction, and Rodney Gleghorn, Senior Project Manager for the proposed Equestrian Locker Room facility, presented information regarding this project. The proposed building and site was developed and selected in collaboration with the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

The single story, 4,000 sq. ft. facility will be located east of the horse jumping arena along Woodrow Ave. It will be a concrete slab building with a composite red roof and stucco exterior.

The interior design will include standard Longhorn lockers and is equivalent to what is done for other sports. It includes gender inclusive restroom facilities, offices and a small storage area. The lavatories are not public restrooms. Porta-potty facilities will continue to be used for public events. The building is accessible with ADA parking.

The project cost is approximately \$1.2 million, funded with university funds/campus reserves, and is part of the university's gender equity plan.

The project team is in the process of finalizing the construction plans and is currently under DSA access compliance and State Fire Marshal review. Estimated completion date is June 2018.

There was general consensus to move the project forward with formal action to take place at a future meeting. There were no concerns or additional questions from the committee.

8. Arboretum Committee/Campus Improvements (*Update*) – Mike Mosinski

Mr. Mosinski provided an update regarding landscape projects and tree care work that took place over the summer.

A proposal is currently underway for the development of a ceremonial plaza located on the southeast corner of Bartow and Jackson Avenues. The plaza would give the Police Department more visibility and provide a space for presentations and ceremonies.

The proposed plaza would include concrete pavers for its surface and a granite rectangular sign, similar to other entrances to the campus. It will be located at the north end of the plaza facing Barstow Avenue. A flagpole on a granite block situated at the south end of the plaza with red Crape Myrtle trees planted on each side will provide a backdrop for the space.

A fund source for this project has not been identified.

9. Other Business

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.