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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes

November 29, 2017

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Derek Brantley, John Bushoven, Kirsten Corey, Devon Fullner, Paul Halajian, John Kriebs, Laura Meyer, Sara Mitchel, Michael Mosinski, Donald Stengel, Mike Tillman, Rich Vaillancour, Sandra Witte and Blake Zante

Absent: Eric Chan (CO), Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Thomas Holyoke, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, Frank Lamas, Dennis Nef, Chris Pluhar, Myunghwan Shin, Katie Williamson and William Wright

Guests: Jake Bergen, Martin Ilic, Richard Martinez, Lori Pardi, Bob Petithomme and Casey Supple

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

1. Approval of the November 29, 2017, agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the September 22, 2017, meeting minutes – Deferred
3. Mural Project - McLane Hall (*Informational*) – Meyer/Fullner

Mr. Casey Supple, Fresno State art student, presented information regarding the mural project titled “Every Drop of Life” proposed for a wall at McLane Hall.

The mural will be located on a small staircase that is attached to the McLane Hall building. The concept is to create a visually striking abstract scene that would symbolize the life force and cultural diversity of Fresno State. Due to the mural’s proximity to the physics and biology labs at McLane Hall, the artist plans to loosely base the mural’s abstract aesthetic on biology.

The highest standards of preservation and safety will be applied in planning for the mural. This includes the use of an anti-graffiti coating, using the highest quality paints, weather and UV resistant pigments, paintbrushes and other materials.

Ms. Christine Thibodeaux, representing the College of Science and Mathematics, expressed the college’s support and endorsement of the project.

Mr. Supple acknowledged and agreed to be 100 percent responsible for the maintenance of the mural. This includes maintenance after he graduates. Chair Astone clarified that the University is very respectful of the work that goes into these projects; however, if maintenance became an issue the University would paint over the mural at its own discretion.

Due to the timeline, the request was made for the project to move forward so the artist could work on the mural during the winter or spring break.

There were no additional comments or concerns. There was general consensus to approve the project as presented with formal action to take place at a future meeting.

4. Ruiz Executive Classroom Building (*Informational*) – Darden Architects/Mitchel

Mr. Bob Petithomme, principal with Darden Architects; Mr. Martin Ilic, lead designer on this project; and Mr. Richard Martinez presented the rendering and provided information on the Ruiz Executive Classroom project.

The proposed single-story building will be located north of the Leon S. Peters Business building and has an approximate gross square footage of 5,443. It will provide two classrooms with executive-type seating for approximately 48 students. It will include restroom facilities as well as a small kitchen area.

Access to the building will be from the main entrance on the east side, an accessible ramp and stairs on the north end from the patio, and from the existing building.

Materials that will be used include metal panels, brick accents at the entrances, plaster, and steel. The plan includes a roll up door with glass panels.

Dean Harper reiterated the importance and the need for this building. It will help address some of the special classroom space issues and address some of the programmatic needs of the University Business Center.

There was significant discussion regarding the proposed exterior and how it fits with the existing Peters Business building. Mr. Halajian noted that although the campus will greatly benefit from this design and building, he is concerned that it might look like a separate standalone structure that does not tie in to the existing Peters building. There was additional feedback with regard to the glazing system and grid pattern and how these might be modified.

There was concern with the roll up door and potential problems with mosquitos, birds, etc.

It was also recommended that the project group consult with the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access.

The Ruiz family provided a generous \$1 million dollar gift that will be used for this project. Dean Harper and Provost Zelezny are working to identify additional funds to support this project.

The landscape design plan will return as a separate component at a later presentation.

5. Bulldog Trails Walking Route Markers (*Action*) – Kathy Yarmo

Ms. Yarmo provided a synopsis of the presentation that was made at the September 2017 meeting and explained how the project group has addressed the concerns expressed at that meeting.

Braille requirements: Based on feedback from the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access, braille will not be incorporated into the markers. The One Sense Beacon system will cost \$14 per marker per year and maintenance costs are unknown. The committee will review the costs after the initial term to determine if they will continue past the one-year commitment.

Routes: They were able to re-route the two-mile path and add a 1.5 mile route.

Number of markers: The initial count was for 19 markers. The revised plan only requires five (5) new markers. Decals will be added to existing parking signs and map signs to identify the routes. It will be necessary to revise three (3) of the maps to show the Bulldog Walking Trail.

Ms. Yarmo provided an elevation rendering of the new markers and the decals that will be used on existing signage. Consultation with University Communications was recommended to ensure that the paw decals are consistent with brand standards.

The revised quote for the five (5) new signs, decals, three (3) revised maps and 16 One Sense Beacons is just under \$6,000.

Dr. Witte moved to approve the revised plan, seconded by Mr. Fullner. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

6. Bulldog Trails Exercise Equipment (*Informational*) – Alicia Nelson

Alicia Nelson with the Student Health and Counseling Center presented the Bulldog Trails Exercise Equipment proposal. This is part of the planning coalition for the Healthier Campus Initiative a partnership for Healthier America. The group is looking at the potential of adding interactive and outdoor stationary fitness equipment clustered in a couple of areas on campus to encourage outdoor physical activity and movement.

The two (2) proposed locations are 1) an area just north of the South Gym, and 2) the grassy area north of San Ramon along the walkway towards parking lot P16.

The South Gym location will include specialized equipment such as Balance Board, Cross Functional Rig, Back Extension, Plyometric Steps (set of 3), Outdoor Kickbox, and a Custom Announcement Board and would meet the needs of Air Force and Army ROTC as well as kinesiology classes.

The San Ramon location is intended to offer more of a full body workout. These include Back & Arms Combo, Lower Body Combo, Cross Country Ski, Accessible Chest Press, Leg Extension, Cardio Stepper, Accessible Vertical Press, Leg Press, Rowing Machine, Accessible Lateral Pull Down, Sit Up Incline Benches, Butterfly & Reverse Fly, Pendulum, Abs, Dip Station, and a Custom Announcement Sign. These 16 units could serve up to 32 people at a time.

Both locations will include multifunctional stations that can accommodate advanced users as well as beginners. The equipment is made/provided by Greenfield, a company that is familiar with outdoor equipment and the Central Valley weather. The project (including equipment) has been reviewed by Risk Management to ensure that all safety requirements are met.

It is likely that the project will be implemented in phases due to availability of funding. Student Success dollars will be used to fund part of the project. The goal is to have one station installed in Fall 2018 with the unveiling taking place the following spring semester.

7. Keats Avenue Proposed Pedestrian Walkway (*Informational*) – Yamabe & Horn Engineering

Facilities Management is reviewing Keats Avenue between the Kremen School of Education building and Music. It is a highly utilized area. The pedestrian and vehicular traffic in this area poses a potential safety concern.

Yamabe & Horn Engineering, the campus consulting civil engineer, was asked to review and determine the feasibility of converting it into a pedestrian-only pathway similar to what is in place south of the Engineering East building. The large sidewalk would accommodate emergency vehicles.

The count for general parking and ADA parking stalls would remain the same.

Chair Astone clarified that additional consultation is required for this project. This initial meeting is to inform committee members that we are reviewing this as part of our Master Plan and will bring back to the committee for a more detailed discussion.

Committee members agreed that review of this area is necessary. The concerns discussed include parking, ingress and egress at peak times as Barton Avenue is not wide enough to accommodate additional vehicle traffic. Based on the feedback, Facilities Management will explore this further.

8. Roadway Improvement Projects (*Informational*) – Deferred.
9. Peace Garden Benches (*Informational*) – Blake Zante, ASI President

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Vice President Brandon Sepulveda presented information on the proposed benches for the Peace Garden. The goal is to add 5-10 benches. ASI leadership will be meeting with Mr. Vaillancour and Mr. Mosinski to discuss some designs and identify specific locations for the benches.

10. Arboretum Committee (*Update*) – Mike Mosinski

Mr. Mosinski provided an update on several tree removals that took place over the summer. These include trees on the south side of the Leon S. Peters building and east side of McKee Fisk. These will be replanted with different species. A couple of Liquid Amber trees along Barstow Avenue north of the University Warehouse will be removed to make way for new landscape that will feature the continuance of the Chinese Pistache trees that started at the Jordan Research Center building.

11. Parking and Transportation (*Update*) – Deferred.
12. Other Business

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.