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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes  
April 11, 2014

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Saeed Attar, Robert Boyd (acting Chair), John Bushoven, Yolanda Doub, Rick Finden, Paul Halajian, John Kriebs, Jeff Macon, Dennis Nef, Patrick Newell, Mike Tillman, Richard Vaillancour, Bernie Vinovrski and Gary Wilson

Absent: Amy Armstrong, Charles Boyer, Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, Fred Nelson, Kathleen Moffitt, Jan Parten, Mikey Sanchez, Cynthia Teniente-Matson and William Wright

Guests: Devon Fullner, Tom Gaffery, John Hung, Sergio La Porta and Lori Pardi

Meeting called to order at 8:04 a.m.

1. Approval of the April 11, 2014, agenda. It was MSC to approve the April 11, 2014, agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes. It was MSC, with one abstention, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2014.
3. Armenian Genocide Memorial (*Action*) – Halajian/La Porta

This project was first presented at the April 11, 2014, Campus Planning Committee (CPC) meeting. Mr. Halajian provided a review of the proposed design for the Armenian Genocide Memorial which did not change from the concept that was present at that meeting. As recommended by the committee, Mr. Halajian and the project team reviewed the Campus Master Plan in more detail and met with Mr. Vaillancour to discuss the landscape in this area, specifically the tree canopy and the walkway as it leads to parking lot P5 (formerly parking lot A).

The landscape plan for the area includes possibly expanding the intersection between the Bulldog Walkway and Maple Mall and making it a formal plaza with seating at the corners (e.g. benches) to create a broad open space.

Currently, there are two walkways, about 12 feet in width, separated by the lawn that runs from the Free Speech area up to this intersection. The idea is to create a broad walkway, about 24 feet wide, that runs all the way out to parking lot P5. The plan would include creating a lush tree canopy with two rows of trees lining this broad walkway.

Walking through the space from the Memorial Fountain towards parking lot P5, one would head east down the narrow walkways flanked by a single line of trees, then enter this open space/plaza and face the Genocide Memorial monument straight ahead, move around the monument, and lastly proceed towards the parking lot. This plan would set the tone for this area, embraces the Arboretum, and creates a plaza-type space for this intersection.

The Genocide Centennial Committee is still deliberating over the image that will be used at the center ground plain of the monument.

Dr. Attar commented that he shared the proposed monument with professors in the College of Science and Mathematics and the responses received were all supportive of the project.

Dr. La Porta stated that he and Professor Der Mugardechian presented this item to the Academic Senate and representatives of the student body and received positive feedback from both groups.

Ms. Astone commented that she spoke with Dr. Kapoor and given his involvement with the Peace Garden, she shared the information regarding this project. Dr. Kapoor was very supportive of the project. He did comment in regards to what the university's plan would be in addressing other similar requests, should they arise.

Mr. Boyd replied that most of the items in the Memorial Garden vary from benches, trees, fountain(s) and monuments. It is the role of this committee to look at proposals individually as they come forward and determine their appropriateness while working within the restrictions of the campus and other limitations, such as capacity.

Given the magnitude of the monument, the impact it would have in this area, and the fact that the location intersects a major campus artery (Maple Mall north to south), there was considerable and thorough discussion regarding its size and the proposed location.

Another suggested site was the area (triangle shape) located between the Conley Art building and the Peters building near the Sweet Sixteen art piece. Considerations voiced with this location were: 1) It is near the parking lot and what could be considered an entrance to the core of the campus; and 2) Flanking the monument at this end of the campus pulls it away from the "collection" of memorials, making it more of an object or art piece, especially if located near the Sweet Sixteen monument.

In addition, Dr. La Porta stated that they have fundraised about a quarter of a million dollars for the memorial. The individuals who donated to this project did so with the expectation that it would be located at the intersection of the Bulldog Walkway and Maple Mall. A change in the location would require a review from the committee and returning to these donors.

It was concluded that the size is comparable to the height of the Vietnam Memorial and the width of the Memorial Fountain. In addition, it was mentioned that the scale would be appropriate and fit nicely once the trees in the area reach their mature height.

Dr. Attar asked how the expansion would be funded. Mr. Halajian clarified that the Genocide Memorial Committee is funding the memorial itself. It does not include funds for improvements beyond the memorial. There was additional discussion and suggestions regarding the potential for funding in support of the expansion/memorial plaza.

Mr. Vinovrski moved to approve placement of the Armenian Genocide Memorial on the east side of the intersection of the Maple Mall Walkway and Bulldog Walkway as designed and stated on the site plan developed by Paul Halajian Architects. The motion was seconded by Dr. Attar with no further discussion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

The construction would take three to four months to complete. Temporary walkways would be put in place during the construction period. The goal is to have the memorial in place by April of 2015.

#### 4. High Voltage Infrastructure Project (*Informational*) – Boyd/Fullner

Mr. Boyd provided an overview of the \$31 million electrical infrastructure project and its importance to the university. This new technology will provide a monitoring and access system that is above ground, sanitary, concealed and most importantly very safe for university staff as well as outside vendors.

The project includes an electrical building that will house the electrical switch gear and the control/monitoring system for the electrical grid, selector switches (green boxes) that allow for manual override and are used for lock down or emergency purposes, and the route for the electrical conduits.

This project will provide a control and monitoring system that can identify a fault on any one of the electrical sections, shut that section off of the grid and switch it to its backup almost instantaneously, minimizing disruption and/or damage to property. The Facilities team can then earmark the location of the fault and make the necessary repairs. If the switch gear ever failed, one can go out into the field and manually switch/override the system via the selector switch.

Mr. Devon Fullner walked the committee through pictures that illustrate what this project will look like, how it will be laid out and how it will impact the aesthetics of the campus.

There was significant effort placed in strategically placing the selector switches and outlining the route for the cables. The goal is to place these green boxes in areas that are not in our everyday path of travel and make them blend in as much as possible. Also, where possible, cables will be routed under sidewalks and straightaways that are in need of repair so as to provide the dual benefit. Mr. Boyd, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Vaillancour and the rest of the project team have been working to identify solutions that will minimize the easiveness and destruction that will be necessary with this project.

During the spring and summer, Facilities Management will be meeting with P2S (the design team) and do another walk through/overview of the plan.

In addition, Facilities Management is collaborating with the Save Mart Center, Student Recreation Center and University Housing, which run on separate PG&E feeds, so as to explore the possibility of tying them into the campus grid.

Periodic updates will return to Campus Planning as the project develops. The goal is to bid the project by the end of 2014 so that work can commence in February 2015 and finish by August 2016.

5. Faculty Office/Lab Building (*Update*) – Gary Wilson

The Faculty Office/Lab building is a two story building that will be located just south of the Aquatics Center. The bottom floor will house the Physical Therapy Program, including one lab. The second floor will be used for office space. This \$7.5 million dollar project was designed by Paul Halajian Architects and Robert Boro Landscape Architect.

Bernard's Construction is ready to get started. A walk thorough with all the major sub trade contractors will take place on Monday, April 14 with proposals due on April 24. The proposals will be evaluated by early May. If all goes through as planned, the guaranteed maximum price will be presented and submitted to the Office of the Chancellor in May. This is a 13-month construction project and it is expected that it will be completed by July 2015.

6. Van Ness Residence Repairs (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery provided an update on the projects that have taken place at the University House after the Castros moved in. Approximately \$11,000 have been expended in addressing repairs and upgrades. Of this amount, about \$5,900 were expended to address operational failures alone.

The Chancellor's Office recently completed a Facilities Condition Assessment of all State owned executive residences providing a recommendation on all of the deficiencies in those properties along with a recommended phasing for the repairs. That listing showed approximately \$440,000 in deficiencies for the University House to be implemented across a ten-year period. Some of the items are fairly urgent and others are not considered critical. Mr. Gaffery will return to CPC with that listing and a proposal to move forward with some of the recommendations.

7. Other Business – None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 a.m.