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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes  
May 29, 2013

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Amy Armstrong, Saeed Attar, Robert Boyd, Mike Coles, Rick Finden, Paul Halajian, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Kathleen Moffitt, Dennis Nef, Patrick Newell, Joseph Taviano, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Mike Tillman, Bernie Vinovrski and Gary Wilson

Absent: Charles Boyer, John Bushoven, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Brad Hyatt, Fred Nelson, Jan Parten, Meaghan Smith (C.O.), Genelle Taylor, Richard Vaillancour and William Wright

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Tom Gaffery, Mike Mosinski and Lori Pardi

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. Approval of the May 29, 2013, agenda. It was MSC to approve the May 29 agenda with removal of the North Gym 118 item per the meeting on May 24, 2013.
2. Expansion to Animal Science Pavilion for Meats Lab (*Informational*) – Deborah Astone

Ms. Astone briefed the Campus Planning Committee (CPC) regarding a project with the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology for the possible expansion of the Meats Lab facility, which is located in the Agricultural Science Pavilion across the street from O'Neill Park. USDA requirements and the need to separate the cooked versus raw meats are driving the need for this project.

The project could be completed in two phases, with the total cost being approximately \$1 million. Ms. Astone is working with Dr. Peter Smits, Vice President for University Advancement, as well as Ms. Alcidia Freitas Gomes, Director of Development from the Jordan College, to identify potential funding.

This is an expansion. The project will be staying on the existing site, but will have a new exterior elevation. The expansion can occur without influencing any of the buildings around it. It will not significantly change the view.

The concept plans have been approved and now the scope and construction documents can begin. The Vernal Group is working on drawings. Once the exterior elevations are complete, they will be presented to the CPC.

Mr. Boyd commented that this would be a good time to review O'Neill Park and the surrounding venues in relation to the Master Plan. There is a need for an ADA complaint restroom. As a committee, he suggests CPC review what needs to be done to refresh O'Neill Park.

Ms. Astone replied that the whole area around the Ag Pavilion will be reviewed. ADA compliance for the Meats Lab will be taken into consideration. She further added that it might also be a good time to look at the total circulation around the area.

Other committee members shared comments regarding the need for additional green space on campus and O'Neill Park being an area that could use some improvements.

Ms. Astone suggested that as part of the club sports discussion with Associated Students, Inc. and the University Student Union there might be the possibility of partnering with them for a project of this type. Mr. Boyd also suggested the possibility of looking into the history and aspects of the O'Neill gift.

3. Addition to Food Processing Lab (*Informational*) – Deborah Astone

Dr. Dennis Farris from the Food Science and Nutrition Department received a grant from the USDA for some equipment to enhance the food processing facility. The new equipment will not fit within the footprint of the existing building. There may be a need for a separate facility right next to the existing one to accommodate the new equipment.

The Ag Foundation is working with the Vernal Group to layout that project and plans to meet with Mr. Wilson to discuss the proposal.

Expanding the food processing facility not only enhances the student experience but also provides additional products that can be sold at the Farm Market.

Ms. Astone will return this item to Campus Planning as the project develops. It is slated for a fall or winter project.

4. Gibson Farm Market Landscape Plan (*Informational*) – Deborah Astone

Ms. Astone presented a concept drawing of the landscape plan developed by Rich Vaillancour of Robert Boro Architects for the Gibson Farm Market which includes some turf, evergreen hedge and trees. Due to funding, the start of the project is still unknown.

The Ag Foundation is hoping to partner with the Ornamental Horticulture Nursery Unit for the trees. There is an opportunity to add a different type of tree to the campus, perhaps with input from the Arboretum Task Force with the understanding that this area is outside the purview of the campus arboretum.

5. Sustainability Project (*Informational*) – Lisa Kao

A new waste contractor has been contracted on campus and it is no longer necessary to separate trash. Every building on campus that is not a farm building may now have 100% comingled trash. Separation of recycling is no longer necessary or required. The trash is taken to a CRTS facility that separates and handles the recycling. An email was sent to certain campus members regarding this new process that is already in effect.

A group of faculty felt the need to enhance recycling efforts on campus. The group contacted Environmental Health Safety, Risk Management and Sustainability (EHSRMS) and Facilities Management to learn about sustainability practices on campus. The group applied for a grant from the Chancellor's Office and got the campus back into the HES (Higher Education Sustainability). The grant is for \$12,000 to fund green bag meetings and covers support costs for the committee.

The group's goal is to change the culture on campus. They will be meeting monthly and would like to extend an invitation to the Campus Planning Committee members who would like to attend.

Dr. Wright stated that the environmental engineering part of that project would be important to the College of Engineering and is interested in participating. Ms. Kao indicated that an invitation was extended to the College of Engineering.

Mr. Boyd asked about wet waste. Ms. Kao shared that the waste company conducted an audit of the campus' wet waste. The maximum allowed is 10%. The campus is below this mark and it is not a concern at this time. If wet waste becomes an issue, it will be addressed at that time.

There is going to be a concerted effort to reduce plastic bag waste. There is a pilot program of volunteers who will be using a new trash receptacle. This would minimize wet waste going into a trash at staff and

faculty desks. This receptacle will not have plastic bags, in hopes to reduce bag usage. More information will be forthcoming on this.

Ms. Kao will work on a broader communication plan to the campus regarding the new waste procedures.

6. Feral Cat Program (*Informational*) – Lisa Kao

Ms. Kao explained some of the difficulties with feral cats on campus, provided background information on the issue as well as information regarding the research she completed on existing feral cat programs on campuses across the nation.

She recently met with a faculty/staff group on campus regarding a TNR (Trap Neuter Release) pilot program for Fresno State. This program aims to take cats off campus, get them spayed/neutered and vaccinated. The group will show proof of this as well as adoptions for tamed cats that are left on campus. The TNR group will provide food for the cats. Feedings will be limited to two hours. All food will be picked up to help limit opossum and raccoon issues.

Ms. Kao distributed an outline listing all the deliverables by the group. It is a campus-wide effort.

Chair Matson asked if the campus has a policy in regards to controlling or allowing this sort of pilot program. Ms. Kao indicated that there is no policy in place beyond the Policy on the Use of Buildings and Grounds that states that pets are not allowed on campus. By removing the tamed cats from campus, this leaves only the feral cats.

Mr. Gaffery commented that this would be a good opportunity to develop a policy that addresses these types of issues as well as problems with other animals, including stray dogs, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, etc.

Ms. Astone suggested conducting a work session with all constituents involved addressing this new policy as well as updating the Policy on the Use of Building and Grounds.

Chair Matson asked Mr. Gaffery and Ms. Kao to work on developing a policy that will return to Campus Planning for consideration.

7. Arboretum Task Force (*Update*) – Cynthia Matson

Earlier in the spring, President Welty asked the Campus Planning Committee to revisit the issue of the arboretum on campus and the status of maintaining a certified arboretum that ties back to the campus' sustainability as well as review the operational items and costs associated with maintaining an arboretum.

Due to the cost and time involved in maintaining certification as a campus arboretum, some individuals have suggested keeping the arboretum, but reducing the size/footprint.

Chair Matson asked the Campus Planning Committee to review the draft charge and list of members provided during the meeting and submit their comments and suggestions. Currently there are 10 members. Dr. Jim Prince was asked to serve as chair and has been appointed by the President. Appointment letters will go out to the committee members in the next week so that they can begin their work over the summer and submit a recommendation by the fall semester.

Ms. Armstrong highlighted that parking Lots D and E are in the current draft but the other lots are not and inquired if they would remain. Chair Matson stated that they will not necessarily remain nor does she have any information on the tree specimens for those lots, or if there are specific reasons to maintain them within the arboretum draft. Mr. Gaffery noted that in the future, per the master plan, Lot E becomes a structure and Lot D becomes the gateway, so they eventually will be gone.

Ms. Astone recommended adding the Enterprise Technician from Ornamental Horticultural Nursery to the committee membership. Mr. Mosinski agreed and approved the recommendation. There were no additional comments.

8. Other Business – None

Mr. Wilson provided quick updates on the following summer projects:

- The Campus Drive Turnaround project has been awarded and will move forward. Campus Drive south of San Ramon will be closed between the North and South Gymnasiums and between the North Gymnasium and the Family and Food Sciences Building. The area will be completely fenced in, but there will be emergency exiting. All the parking on the west side of the North Gym along the track field will be relocated to a couple of different areas.
- The ADA Path of travel project on San Ramon Drive between Campus Drive and Jackson Avenue is scheduled to begin on July 1 if everything goes according to plan.
- The Sports Medicine Building is scheduled to be completed in August 2013.
- Paul Halajian is continuing to work on the preliminary drawings for the Faculty Office/Lab building and should be completed on or about October 2013.
- Construction of the canopy for spectator seating at the Aquatics Center is scheduled to begin June 3.
- Three walkways will be replaced for ADA compliance:
  - Adjacent to Amphitheater
  - Adjacent to Music Building
  - Quad Area
- The Water Tower painting will occur during the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 a.m.