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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

September 23, 2016

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Mike Coles, Kirsten Corey, Hongwei Dong, Rick Finden, Martin Grant, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Frank Lamas, Laura Meyer, Sara Mitchel, Dennis Nef, Chris Pluhar, Tim Ryan, Mike Tillman, Rich Vaillancour, Sandra Witte and William Wright

Absent: Donald Stengel

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Devon Fullner, Jesus Larralde, Robert Monke, Michael Mosinski, Ram Nunna, Lori Pardi, David Sieperda, Russ Taylor and Steve Weakland

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

1. Approval of the September 23, 2016, agenda.

It was proposed that discussion of agenda items related to Students Affairs be moved to the later part of the meeting. It was MSC to approve the agenda as revised.

2. Approval of the April 22, 2016 minutes. It was MSC to approved the minutes of April 22, 2016.
3. Engineering East Exterior Concept Plan for New Student Center (*Action*) – Ram Nunna

The Lyles College of Engineering seeks approval on the concept plan for a new Engineering East Exterior Student Center. Dr. Nunna stated that the idea behind this project is to create an environment that increases student engagement and fosters student success by creating a flexible learning space that appeals to students and faculty and is in close proximity to laboratories and other resources available at the College.

The proposed location is the covered area directly on the south side of the Engineering East building. The space is approximately 1,600 square feet. The plan is to enclose this area, expand the current lobby and integrate it with the Student Center. The physical structure and pattern would follow the existing building and would not impact any of the landscape.

The project will be privately funded.

There was discussion with regard to lighting, acoustics and how these might affect the existing space/offices. The Lyles College will be working closely with Facilities Planning on the project design and return with the schematic plans at a later meeting.

Dr. Witte moved to approve the concept for a new Engineering East Student Center, seconded by Ms. Corey. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

4. Farm Laboratory Projects (*Informational*) – David Sieperda

Mr. David Sieperda, Farm Manager for the University Agricultural Laboratory, provided a list of projects that have taken place at the University Farm over the last two years.

The University Farm received approximately \$2 million to address maintenance and safety issues on the farm. Approximately 52 projects were identified with 26 of those listed on the sheet that was distributed to committee members, 23 of those projects are currently active. Two of the large projects included a new foaling barn and a vegetable cooler for all of the produce that comes from the farm.

Chair Astone added that this illustrates the University's efforts in addressing some of the deferred maintenance on the farm as well as on campus. The list has been discussed with the Ag Foundation Board and work on these will continue throughout the semester.

5. Kremen Building New Donor Recognition Tiles (*Action*) – Rich Vaillancour

The Kremen Building New Donor Recognition Tiles project was initially presented to Campus Planning on April 22, 2016. Mr. Vaillancour and Dr. Robert Monke thanked the committee for their feedback and returned with a revised plan that addressed the items that were discussed.

The proposed location for this project is on the exterior wall of the north east corner tower of the Kremen building, along the pathway that leads from Keats/Matoian Avenue to the building.

In consultation with Facilities Management it was discovered that wrapping the donor tiles along the wall would not be feasible as initially presented. Since the project needs to accommodate at least 700 tiles that measure 4" x 8" and the space that is available only holds 400, the new design proposes incorporating a second wall across the breezeway.

Discussions have taken place with the University Grounds Manager to revisit the plantings/landscape as well as relighting the area to highlight the tiles and improve the space. Those efforts will be coordinated with this project.

Mr. Boyd moved to approve the Kremen Building New Donor Recognition Tiles project as presented at this meeting, seconded by Mr. Finden. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

6. Additional Booth Locations for Student Clubs/Organizations (*Action*) – Sara Mitchel

Student Affairs contacted Facilities to explore the possibility of adding booth locations for student clubs and organizations.

Facilities Planning evaluated the request and determined that the west side of the University Student Union (USU) could potentially accommodate additional booths. Due to its proximity to the USU and with some modifications to the current layout, this would be the best location.

There was significant discussion regarding the following items:

- The current demand for additional spaces for booths;
- Safety, specifically with regard to the fire lane;

- The need to refresh this area due to the work that was done in connection with the Electrical Infrastructure project;
- Trees and whether the ones that are currently there are appropriate or adequate; and
- The possibility of improving or incorporating other landscape elements, drainage and lighting.

The Campus Planning Committee agreed that renovating this area and allowing for additional booth locations would be a good use of this space.

It was suggested that the plan return to this committee for action and go before the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access once it is developed.

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

Mr. Mosinski, Grounds Manager, provided an update on the work that took place over the summer and is currently under way. He reiterated the process that takes place every time trees need to be removed and that the goal is to plant two trees for every tree that is taken out.

There was significant discussion regarding the need to increase shade on campus; the underground infrastructure and how that affects how this is done; the tree replacement process; and the efforts that are placed in preserving trees when possible.

8. Smittcamp Alumni House Expansion (*Informational*) – Russ Taylor

Russ Taylor, who designed the Smittcamp Alumni House and the architect for this project, provided some background on the Alumni House and walked the committee through the drawings and elevations developed for this plan.

The expansion is intended to house the Career Development Center and provide improvements to areas that are used by the Fresno State Alumni Association.

The project would provide approximately 8,400 square feet of additional space and continue the Georgia Antebellum Mansion style and pattern that was used for the Smittcamp Alumni House.

The layout includes minor modifications to the existing floor plan which will add four (4) private offices for use by the Alumni Association, open space for cubicles, large storage room, student hub, and a family-style restroom.

On the east end would be the new entry, a reception area, conference room, four interview rooms, mini business center, open space for cubicles, several offices to be used by the Career Development Center, copy area/work room, restrooms, storage room, breakroom, and a large closet for professional attire that is donated to the Clothing Closet. A function-type warming kitchen, prep area and large conference rooms will be added on the west end.

The plan also includes storage space for two golf carts, a small patio, and a dog run for Fresno State's mascot.

Dr. Lamas commented that this will be a big improvement to what is currently available to students. The new location, parking and alumni connection will help enhance this program.

Chair Astone reiterated that this is an informational item. The project team continues to work with the University and the Alumni Association. Additional consultation remains to be completed. This item will return to Campus Planning for action once additional information regarding the timeline and funding develop.

9. Student Health and Counseling Center Exterior and Landscape Improvements (*Informational*) – Robert Boyd

Mr. Boyd provided information regarding the interior renovation that has taken place at the Student Health and Counseling Center and the need to address the exterior of the building.

Mr. Vaillancour stated that this is a very strong building on campus and that no major renovations are planned. He shared pictures of the existing conditions and the proposed landscape improvements.

The new plan will reduce the turf and clean up the exterior spaces. It includes creating a hedge along the back of the parking lot so that cars are not immediately visible as drivers come into the campus. The walkway along the west side will be widened and organic paving material will be added near the building. Color will be introduced with various plant material including trees such as scarlet oak and fruitless ginkgo.

Ms. Mitchel added that there will also be some pavement improvements on Barton Avenue and on the parking lots located on the south and the north end of the Health Center.

Ms. Pardi asked if there is any thought to adding signage on the east side along Keats Road. Mr. Vaillancour indicated that they would take that into consideration.

Dr. Lamas requested that the inner patio be reviewed and addressed with this project. Chair Astone confirmed that it would be added to the design scope. The goal is to complete this project during the spring 2017 semester.

10. Other Business

Mr. Boyd informed the committee that the installation of a new sewer line will take place during the winter break. The Family Food Science building will be offline and arrangements are being made to relocate the programs that are housed in that building during the break.

Chair Astone announced that the campus electrical infrastructure is now on the new system and thanked the University's Facilities team for all their work on the project.

Ms. Armbruster announced that the University has a new monthly email newsletter for faculty and staff. She may be contacting committee members for additional information on projects that are shared at these meetings. She also encouraged CPC members to contact her with stories and ideas for the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 a.m.