

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
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Campus Planning Committee
Minutes
September 25, 2015

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Taylan Bennett, Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Frank Lamas, Dennis Nef, Fred Nelson, Jan Parten, Chris Pluhar, Gary Wilson and William Wright

Absent: Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Garo Kalfayan, Jeff Macon, Patrick Newell, Mike Tillman, Richard Vaillancour and Sandra Witte

Guests: Kirsten Corey, Josh Edrington, Melissa Ginotti, Amy Luna, Paul Miller, Michael Mosinski, Ramakrishna Nunna, Lori Pardi, Steven Scherer and Katie Williamson

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

1. Approval of the September 25, 2015, agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the February 27, 2015, minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes.
3. Approval of the March 27, 2015, minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes.
4. Renaming of Free Speech Area (*Informational*) – Melissa Ginotti

The university's policy on Time, Place and Manner of Free Expression states that freedom of expression is allowed in all outdoor spaces on campus. For this reason, it is appropriate to rename the area historically referred to as the Free Speech Area which includes the open space located north of the University Center and south of the University Student Union as well as the area east of the Speakers Platform.

Ms. Melissa Ginotti, Director of Student Involvement, provided the background on this project and shared the suggested names for the Free Speech Area that emerged from small survey that was conducted, in conjunction with student leadership, early in the semester.

Dr. Lamas stated that a formal poll/referendum is not necessary. The suggested names and the process that is being used in selecting a name have been vetted through Cabinet and University Counsel. Campus Planning and the Academic Senate are the two remaining groups that will be consulted as part of this process.

Campus Planning Committee meeting attendees were invited to take the survey and vote on their three top choices.

Mr. Boyd and Mr. Gaffery suggested using the word plaza in the name since this would be consistent with the Master Plan (e.g., Victory Plaza, Bulldog Plaza, Community Plaza, etc.)

Chair Astone commented that the Northwest corner of Cedar and Barstow Avenues has been designated as Bulldog Plaza and that using the same name might create confusion.

Dr. Lamas welcomed comments and suggestions with regard to the process that is being used in selecting the name and recommendations on any other groups that should be consulted.

The goal is to recommend a name before the end of the semester.

5. Additional booth locations for Student Clubs/Organizations (*Informational*) – Melissa Ginotti

Melissa Ginotti, Director of Student Involvement, and Josh Edrington, Student Involvement Coordinator, brought forth a proposal that would help designate specific spaces just east of the Speaker Platform and north of the University Center for reservations that include the use of informational tents/tables in these areas.

By designating specific spaces using a lettering or numbering system, Student Involvement will be able to coordinate usage of this area and address issues that sometimes come up when multiple users conduct events (scheduled and unscheduled) at these locations.

The spaces that have been identified will accommodate a 10 x 10 pop up tent and/or a 6 ft. table. A map illustrating these specific locations was distributed to the committee.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that Facilities Management has reviewed the plan and did not have concerns from an accessibility standpoint; furthermore, he believes that the plan would help organize and unify usage of the space.

There was additional discussion regarding the use of skateboards through these two locations and its designation as a wheels-off zone. Ms. Kao will be contacting a student member of the Longboard Club who expressed an interest in making a video that would help raise awareness of the wheels-off zone and why it is important to comply with this rule.

There was additional discussion regarding the need to increase/expand open-area reservations available to students. Chair Astone commented that as plans develop for the new student union more conversation would take place on this topic. The purpose of this proposal is to help address an immediate need on an interim basis.

6. Engineering West Laboratory Annex (*Action*) – Paul Miller/Ram Nunna

The proposed Engineering West Laboratory Annex project was first presented to the committee on August 22, 2015. The metal building would be located in the empty space between Engineering West and the Grosse Industrial Technology building. It will be approximately 2,400 square feet and provide additional lab space to support student projects in the Mechanical Engineering Program.

The structure will be built using insulated metal panel systems from CENTRIA in aspen gold and adobe and will include ventilation as required by code regulation and to reduce condensation.

The building will not have active ventilation; however, large fans will be pulled in as needed. Consideration will be given to adding a couple of swamp coolers as the project develops.

Restroom facilities are not part of this project. A sink and emergency eye-wash station have been added as suggested by the committee.

The existing chain-link fence will be removed and the area will remain open. Only the rod-iron gate will remain.

Mr. Gaffery moved to approve the project as presented, seconded by Mr. Finden. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

The project will be funded through private support. Installation will begin in May 2016 and should be complete by August 2016.

7. Ratification of the Armenian Genocide Memorial Interpretative Signage (*Action*) – Deborah Astone

The Armenian Genocide Memorial Interpretative Signage proposal was discussed and thoroughly reviewed at the March 27, 2015, meeting; however, action could not be taken in absence of a quorum. The proposal was well received and emailed to the entire committee on April 6 requesting comments and questions. Mr. Boyd moved to ratify the Armenian Genocide Memorial Interpretative Signage proposal, seconded by Dr. Lamas. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

8. Arboretum Committee (*Update*) – Michael Mosinski

Mr. Mosinski provided an overview of the trees that were removed over the summer and early fall, mostly due to deteriorated conditions. He provided information regarding some of the factors (drought, campus events, needed resources, construction, etc.) that affect the condition of these trees and the work that is taking place to address these issues.

Grounds Services will be hiring additional gardeners with one of them being an individual who specializes in tree care. The department is also considering alternative landscapes as development continues throughout the campus.

There was discussion regarding the campus' water conservation efforts and continued support that is needed from the campus community.

The first Arboretum Committee meeting of the semester is scheduled for October 7, 2015. The group will be conducting an informal campus tree walk to look at the status of existing trees and develop a priority list for replacement.

9. Parking and Transportation (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery shared that a group has been convened to review the Use of University Buildings and Grounds Policy. Dr. Bushoven serves as the Campus Planning faculty representative.

Construction documents have been developed for parking lots P4 and P30. Work will begin after commencement in 2016.

Parking lots P1 and P2 will be reconfigured to add approximately 112 parking spaces with 15-20 additional parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. This project design is still under development.

There was considerable discussion regarding trees/shading within the lots. It was clarified that the project is in the schematic design phase, the landscape design has not been finalized. The plan will return to Campus Planning for review once it is complete. Mr. Boyd suggested including the sustainability group to the consultation process.

Mr. Gaffery provided a brief overview on the following projects: the Barstow Avenue overlay; the Active Transportation Plan that will return to the committee for final review; field work that took place on Woodrow and Matoian Avenues to evaluate options for pedestrian control devices that can be added at this intersection; design modifications for the Bulldog Lane and Chestnut Avenue roundabout; and the launch of a campus shuttle operation for the spring 2016 semester.

Parking and Transportation rolled out a program that allows Fresno State students and employees to ride the city bus for free by swiping their Fresno State ID card. In August there were 1,500 unique riders. It is estimated that about 10 percent of the student population is riding the bus.

Mr. Gaffery is finalizing the materials that will be submitted to the CSU for a proposal that would allow students to access yellow lots at an earlier time. Additional information on this item will follow once the bargaining units are notified.

10. Other Business - None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.