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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes

September 26, 2014

**Members**

Present: Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Mike Coles, Hongwei Dong, Yolanda Doub, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, Garo Kalfayan, Dennis Nef, Fred Nelson, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Mike Tillman, Richard Vaillancour and Gary Wilson

Absent: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Saeed Attar, Charles Boyer, Eric Chan (C.O.), Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Jeff Macon, Gage Marchini, Bernie Vinovrski and William Wright

Guests: Berj Apkarian (AGC Monument Committee Chair), Shirley Armbruster, Kevin Ayotte, Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Devon Fullner, Michael Mosinski, Regina Peters and Shaunt Yemenjian

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

1. Approval of the September 26, 2014, agenda. It was MSC to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of the August 22, 2014, minutes. Dr. Newell requested incorporating the comments made regarding notices on the new waste receptacles. Mr. Gaffery requested to strike “specifically students” from paragraph one of the Signage Policy draft item. It was MSC to approve the minutes as amended.
3. Armenian Genocide Memorial Water Feature (*Action*) – Paul Halajian

Mr. Halajian returned to Campus Planning with a proposed modification to the Armenian Genocide Memorial project approved on April 11, 2013. The location, layout and size of the monument remain the same. The proposed changes are to include a band of natural grass, a donor wall and a water feature.

A band of natural grass will be added along the outer border of the monument. It will add color and act as a buffer between the pavement and the monument.

The new design includes a small donor wall with a landscape buffer that will include text that explains what the monument is about and the names of the donors.

As described in previous meetings, the concrete pylons that range from 15 to 19 feet tall will be capped with a halo-type helical figure made of perforated stainless steel and an LED strip inside that will provide a very faint glow. This same material will be placed on the vertical face of each column and will come down about eight feet. Water will be introduced at the junction between the angle and the vertical element. The water will spill into a runnel that is approximately six to eight inches wide and approximately half an inch into the concrete and onto a catch space provided on each column. The columns will also have an 18-inch wall to provide a space for the placards that will be used to identify the artwork on the columns. The art will consist of abstract images cut in stainless steel and placed on the face of the columns.

The annual maintenance for the monument is expected to be similar to that of the Memorial Fountain in addition to \$300 in chemicals. The Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee is prepared to make an endowment to the University to cover the maintenance costs.

Other concerns that were discussed and addressed were the pump system that will be used for the water feature; proper grading and access points necessary in that area; concrete thickness; vehicle circulation; questions with regard to the infrastructure; and accessibility.

Mr. Boyd mentioned that the Campus Master Plan includes placement of water features at these types of pedestrian intersections and this project fits nicely with the plan.

Mr. Gaffery moved to approve the modifications as presented; Dr. Newell seconded. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

Mr. Barlow Der Mugardechian introduced Mr. Berj Apkarian, Monument Committee Chair, and Ms. Regina Peters who joined him for this presentation. He shared that fundraising efforts for the monument have been successful. The committee has raised approximately \$500,000 in pledges (most of it on hand). Committee members were invited to the groundbreaking ceremony that will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2014.

4. Removal of Trees on Cedar and Shaw Avenues (*Action*) – Mike Mosinski

Mr. Mosinski provided an update regarding the landscape area behind the new monument sign at the corner of Cedar and Shaw Avenues. There is a semi swale basin behind that sign with several trees. Approximately half of the trees are coastal redwoods. The area was reviewed by a certified arborist who concluded that there is a soil-borne fungus affecting those trees in addition to the drought. Six trees, from small to medium size, will need to be removed.

This item was discussed and reviewed by the Arboretum Committee and based on the report, the committee recommends removal of the trees with the University's commitment to replace them at a later time. Dr. Bushoven expressed that there are no issues from the academic side. Coastal redwoods are difficult to maintain in this region.

Mr. Gaffery stated that renovations to lot P27 will not take place until 2017-18; however, there are some inefficiencies created by the fencing in that lawn space. The fence lines could be moved to accommodate for additional parking without impacting the aesthetics of the court. He and Mr. Mosinski will review this area in more detail.

Dr. Doub moved to approve the removal of the six trees at the corner of Cedar and Shaw Avenues with the understanding that these six trees would be replaced at the appropriate time with the appropriate species. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halajian. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

The trees will be removed in eight-foot sections and the lumber will be reused as part of a reclamation project by Reedley College.

Chair Matson added that she asked Provost Zelezny to share this information with the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Dr. Ayotte confirmed that it was discussed in that forum. He will report to the Executive Committee that there was consultation with the Arboretum Committee and the group recommended removal of the trees.

A communication plan will be discussed with Ms. Shirley Armbruster, Associate Vice President for University Communications, before the work begins.

5. Green Space on Campus (*Informational*) – Robert Boyd

Mr. Boyd provided an overview of future plans to upgrade various green spaces on campus. Among the areas listed were the Joyal Administration Building, the Quad (area bound by Social Science, McKee Fisk, Family and Food Science, and Professional Human Services), the area in front of the Aquatics Center, and the Amphitheater. LED lighting will be added to the band practice field and the Kinesiology field to provide additional spaces that are usable in the evening.

Chair Matson has met with individuals from Associated Student, Inc. and offered to convene a group to discuss additional green space on campus. The University recognizes the challenge in this area and is trying to develop additional multipurpose spaces to meet some of the need. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Gaffery will be asked to meet with this group of students to further discuss lawn space and parking.

These projects will return to Campus Planning as they unfold and become finalized.

6. Arboretum Committee (*Update*) – Finden/Mosinski

Mr. Mosinski reported that the Arboretum Committee had its first meeting on September 25, 2014. The committee began its review of the Arboretum Task Force recommendations, current tree care plan, tree list and level one accreditation requirements. The group also began to address ongoing tree care and tree replacement. Meeting minutes will be available for review.

Mr. Mosinski thanked campus community members for their assistance in identifying leaks and other water waste. These notices in conjunction with the University's water reduction efforts helped the campus exceed its water reduction target. The campus achieved a 25 percent reduction, five percent over the Governor's mandate.

7. Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade (*Update*) – Devon Fullner

Mr. Fullner reported that the specifications for the Electrical Infrastructure project are complete. These were submitted for peer review and comments have been provided. The project team is planning for a bid opening in October with a preliminary cost estimate of approximately \$25 million. This project will require significant coordination with developments taking place along Barstow Avenue.

Facilities Management is taking a proactive approach to dealing with and planning for potential power failures and looking for ways to minimize outages. This includes the addition of a generator for the Science 1 building. Additional information on this project will be provided as it develops.

8. Jordan Research Center (*Update*) – Robert Boyd

Harris Construction is the contractor for the Jordan Research Center. All the sub-trade bids have been submitted and are currently under review. The goal is to issue a notice to proceed and start building the first week of October. Chair Matson stated that the campus will also begin review of O'Neill Park, the warehouse and other buildings in this vicinity to begin to explore opportunities for improvement.

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

Mr. Gaffery reported that Parking and Transportation has been working with Alan Mok to complete a full review and schematic design of Barstow Avenue from Cedar Avenue all the way down to Chestnut Avenue. There is a little over \$1.4 million in grant funding that will be used for improvements along this roadway.

The Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board approved Fresno State's inclusion in the Federal Transportation and Improvement Plan (FTIP) which makes the University eligible for these funds. These monies will be used specifically for the zone that is on the north side of Barstow Avenue from Cedar Avenue to the Winery.

The University also received \$870,000 from the Caltrans Active Transportation Program. The campus scored in the top four percent of all applicants in the state. There were over 40 applicants in the county and only two received an award, the Fresno COG and the University. The next funding call for that grant program will occur in the spring and could potentially require that applicants have a completed active transportation plan in place.

Parking and Transportation will be engaging Alta Planning. A firm based in Oakland, CA that specializes in urban and bicycle pathway planning. They are being tasked with combining the Master Plan's bikeways proposal and the pedestrian circulation plan into a standalone active transportation plan. This will be an overall active transportation conceptual plan (policy-type) document that will return to Campus Planning for review so that it is ready by the spring deadline.

10. Physical Therapy and Sports Administration building (*Update*) – Gary Wilson

Construction of the Physical Therapy and Sports Administration building began in July 2014. The underground work has been completed and excavation for the footing will commence soon. The project is on target for completion in August 2015. Facilities Planning has been communicating with the contractor to ensure that work vehicles are onsite before 7 a.m. so as to minimize disruption and traffic concerns.

11. Veteran's Memorial relocation (*Update*) – Tom Gaffery

The Veterans Monument has been removed from the southwest corner of the campus and is being stored at the Ag Pavilion while the new site is prepped. During this review, it was discovered that AT&T's major fiber connection runs through the proposed location. Mr. Vaillancour worked with the engineer to design a footing that will be placed on top of that pathway. The project will be complete in time for the Veterans Day event on November 10, 2014.

12. Other Business – None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 a.m.