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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

February 14, 2012

Members

Present: Amy Armstrong, Rick Finden, Paul Halajian, Lisa Kao, John Kriebs, Dennis Nef, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Richard Vaillancour, Bernard Vinovrski and Gary Wilson

Absent: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Robert Boyd, Charles Boyer and Kiranjit Dhanjan

Guests: James Bushman and Kathy Johnson

1. Approval of the February 14, 2012, agenda.

It was MSC to approve the February 14, 2012, agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2011, meeting.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of November 10, 2011.

3. UHS Outdoor Seating Improvements (*Informational*) – Richard Vaillancour

Mr. Vaillancour brought forth a proposal on behalf of University High School (UHS) for seating improvements to be made on the UHS campus.

The intent is to provide high school students a quiet place to congregate during off hours and to give them a place to go on the UHS campus itself. Currently, students who do not want to walk all the way to the Student Union, use the steps of Joyal Administration and other areas in that vicinity to assemble.

The plan calls for landscaping and the addition of new concrete paving, tables and chairs, and shrubs on the northeast side of the UHS campus. This area is near parking Lot B. The other location is on the southeast end of the campus adjacent to the Smittcamp Alumni House. This area would include new concrete paving, concrete seat wall, tables and chairs and a new shrub area.

The proposal helps address two issues: 1) to provide additional seating for the students; and 2) to address a maintenance issue with the lawn area on the north end.

There was additional discussion; key areas addressed were the visibility of the south seating area, the length of the concrete seat wall, and the types of tables and chairs that will be used.

Consideration was given to placing the additional seating in the courtyard, but it was determined that aesthetical the building looks better with this area clear. UHS would also like to reserve this area for traditional events.

The seating area on the southeast end would be visible from Matoian Way; however, an existing tree and additional landscape would soften that view. It would still be visible to university police and safety personnel.

The proposed tables and chairs are very similar to the campus standard and they match existing seating at UHS.

UHS met with Smittcamp Alumni House to discuss the project and there were no issues or concerns with what is being proposed.

Dr. Bushman respectfully requested an expedited decision so that construction could begin as soon as possible. The committee agreed to a vote via email and to return a decision by Friday, February 17, 2012.

4. North Gym Landscape Improvements (*Action*) – Richard Vaillancour

Mr. Vaillancour briefly reviewed the project information that was provided during the last meeting. He also addressed the concerns regarding the birds roosting on the structure and the price comparison between real grass and artificial grass.

The manufacturer confirmed that there are no places to roost underneath the structure. If the perimeter/face is an issue, there is a product that can be used for that.

The price per unit for artificial grass in a small area such as the one defined would not be cost effective; therefore, they are using natural grass as planned.

Plant Operations/Physical Plant will be addressing the lighting issue in that area.

Being that all the comments and concerns were addressed, chair Matson entertained a motion to approve. Mr. Wilson moved that to approve the North Gym landscape improvements and accessibility ramp as proposed. Mr. Halajian seconded. Motion carried without opposition or abstention.

5. Nursing Canopy at McLane Hall (*Action*) – Paul Halajian

Mr. Halajian briefly reviewed the project information that was provided during the last meeting. However, the scope of the project is now dependent on funding. Delaying the approval of this project will not impact the schedule; therefore, the committee decided to take a vote on this project once funding and all the specifics have been determined.

6. Parking Item (*Informational*) – Amy Armstrong

Ms. Armstrong provided a quick overview of the visitor parking system that was introduced in fall 2009 and a new transition that will be taking place in the next couple of years in regards to visitor parking. Coupon codes were introduced in lieu of relaxed parking and can be used to get an accurate snap shot of what is actually being used on campus. There was an estimate that a lot of visitors were coming on the campus. What was found through data collected using the coupon code system, is that those numbers were actually a lot smaller than originally estimated: 7,000 uses in fall 2009 and a little over 13,000 in fall 2010.

There are four different types of passes:

- **Coupon Code:** Departments request a coupon code to be used at any of the 16 permit dispensing machines on campus. When guests arrive they enter the code into the machine and retrieve a permit valid in any yellow or green lot. The majority of campus departments are able to accommodate their guests using the eight digit coupon code system.
- **Event Pass:** These are for large events hosted by the campus where queues may develop around the permit dispensing machines. Traffic Operations will provide event passes that are preprinted and numbered for departments to distribute to their guests. Any unused permits are to be returned to the Traffic Operations office.

- Special Semester Pass: Departments that hold multiple events throughout the semester can request a special semester pass that is only valid on specific days, times and lots as predefined.
- Honorary Pass: Honorary passes are typically reserved for emeriti. Based on need and research throughout the CSU system, there was a system developed where a department can purchase this pass for a guest, which is good for an entire academic year. Issuance of these passes requires approval from the President or his designee.

The coupon code system continues to be implemented and accepted. Consistent feedback was that the 8 digit code was too long, and after review, beginning June 1, 2012, the coupon codes will be reduced to six digits.

The next step is to seek funding for this system. The plan is that beginning fall 2012 visitor parking will be offered at \$2/day, which is reduced from the daily fee of \$3. For the first year of introduction, Traffic Operations seeks assistance from the Cabinet level and perhaps could be covered by each division respectively. In 2013-2014 departments would be responsible for their own usage costs.

The information gathered through the coupon code system has been placed online to assist departments in forecasting for these costs. Each department can go online and review its own usage as of 2009. Traffic Operations can help with special/more detailed reports.

The link is: <http://www.csufresno.edu/police/traffic/reports>

Mr. Vinovski commented that the codes work well for University Outreach Services, but noted that it is highly unusual for any university to charge a perspective student/family for parking. First impressions in visiting the campus are highly important; this would leave a very negative impression.

He also asked how the university plans to handle a large event, like Preview Day. Traffic flow can be a problem. And would the university consider relaxed parking for such events.

Ms. Armstrong responded that there is a proposal for relaxed parking for extremely large events such as commencement (5,000 guests or more). Preview Day would make use of the Event Pass, if necessary. Currently, Preview Day is held on Saturday, when parking is not enforced.

Chair Matson added that the university would ensure that we do not charge potential students /families for parking on events such as Preview Day. These charges are intended to be internal and would not be charged to the family or prospective student. Dog Days, Preview Days and other events which are institutionally based and not program based will be reviewed for alternatives.

This proposal is currently in the consultation process and has been shared with some groups such as Cabinet, Deans, Faculty Senate, FACEL and Administrative Roundtable.

7. Other Business

Mr. Kriebs announced that the Bulldog Diamond Scoreboard will be upgraded during the weeks of February 20 and 27.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.