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**Campus Planning Committee**

Minutes

July 12, 2012

**Members**

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Amy Armstrong, Robert Boyd, Paul Halajian, John Kriebs, Toni Marchini, Arthur Montejano, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Richard Vaillancour, Bernard Vinovrski and Gary Wilson,

Absent: Charles Boyer, Rick Finden, Lisa Kao and Dennis Nef

Guests: Wendy Moritz, Lori Pardi, Lassie Stevens, Sara Wallet and Lynn Williams

Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Approval of the July 12, 2012, agenda.

Ms. Armstrong requested the addition of Parking Lots A and J to the agenda under Other Business. It was MSC to approve the July 12, 2012, agenda as amended.

2. Approval of the June 12, 2012, meeting minutes.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of June 12, 2012.

3. Approval of the June 4, 2012 special meeting with the President's Committee on Disabilities.

It was MSC to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012 with correction on spelling of Mr. Medina's name on page two. Dr. Newell abstained from vote.

4. Faculty Office/Lab Building (*Action*) – Paul Halajian

Mr. Boyd provided an update on the funding for the Faculty Office/Lab Building and status of CPDC's approval of the schematic design in order to proceed with approval by the Board of Trustees at their September 2012 meeting.

Mr. Halajian, the architect for this project, shared details on the design and explained how some of the challenges in dealing with the restrictions found in using this site were met.

The project space is bordered by Warmerdam track on the west, the North Gym and North Gym Annex to the east, the Aquatics Center to the north and Bulldog Diamond on the north/west end. The site is currently used as a putting green, which will be moved to another location.

The two-story building will encroach slightly on an area of the track berm. The architectural character of the building will tie-in to that of the North Gym so that it is part of the administrative and academic programs complex and not viewed as a stand-alone athletic venue.

The facility will have two entrances. One entrance will lead to a lobby from which you can access the Physical Therapy Department on the first floor or the stairs that lead to the second floor. The other entrance is on the south end and will connect to the plaza and the master planned main campus walkway in the near future.

The plan includes a court on the west side of the building that will eventually become the site for Physical Therapy's Gait, Balance and Mobility Program. The design of that court is not in this scope of work, but the space is being reserved for that purpose.

The project architect and Fresno State facilities management are currently reviewing potential fire truck routes and access points with the Fresno Fire Prevention Department.

Mr. Halajian walked the committee through the floor plan. The exterior design includes a path of travel that leads to the main entrance of the building as well as a patio area with seating walls and room for additional benches. The path and patio area will include fixtures that will provide light, clear visibility and enhance the ambiance in the evening.

The first floor includes:

- Main lobby with a stairway that leads to the second floor;
- Wide corridor, approximately 12 feet, with access to bathrooms, service support stations and other areas;
- Faculty offices located on the west wing
- Physical Therapy Department suite located on the south end;
- A graduate conference room that looks out to the court area which will be used by Physical Therapy;
- Wet classroom available for use by other programs. It is set up to allow for a wet environment and can be accessed from the plaza where students can come in directly from the pool. It will also be available for use by the campus Wellness program.

The second floor includes:

- Access via the stairway or elevator;
- Reception area;
- Office suites for six team sports: softball, volleyball, women's basketball, men's basketball, women's golf, men's golf;
- Shower and locker room
- Copy room;
- Self-instruction computer lab; and
- Large meeting room intended to accommodate the needs of the six sports housed in this building.

Mr. Halajian also shared a series of views that helped envision the character of the building and shared some samples of the materials that will be used in the structure. The design for this facility was program driven. The need for the individual suites, the sizes of the offices and lighting needs generated this very compact floor plan and t-shape building.

The Campus Master Plan was reviewed significantly throughout the development phase. The Master Plan calls for an athletic walk of fame in the future. Nothing in this plan would preclude or interfere with that design. The building is far enough from the fence that allows for a very generous walkway in that area.

Mr. Boyd clarified that one of the main reasons this item was returned to Campus Planning with so much detail is that one of the original plans included an exterior stairway. However, a preliminary schematic review with Capital Planning, Design and Construction (CPDC) at the Chancellor's Office determined that the programmatic needs of the building required altering the floor plan.

There was additional discussion in regards to circulation in the building; waiting areas for students; exterior elevation and materials used; technological, Wi-Fi and A/V needs; and questions regarding the spaces that will be vacated in the North Gym as a result of this project.

It was clarified that the building would be primarily used to house the Physical Therapy Department, its programs and the six sports listed previously; however, the classrooms will be available for other academic and wellness programmatic needs.

Ms. Astone moved to approve the proposed schematic plans for the Faculty Office/Lab Building as presented by Mr. Halajian. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kriebs.

Chair Matson noted that a tree assessment would need to be completed as discussed; and the item would be presented to the President's Committee on Disabilities this fall. She further added that this project is also part of the university's long-term plan for full Title IX compliance. The plans have been through a Title IX review. The Director of Athletics, Thomas Boeh, and Senior Woman Administrator, Betsy Mosher, have been actively involved in the planning process.

The questioned was returned to the floor; motion carried without opposition or abstention.

5. Other Business

Parking lots A and J (*Update*) – Amy Armstrong

Ms. Armstrong distributed handouts illustrating the revised plan for Parking Lots A and J. One handout included the landscape drawing and highlighted the existing trees that will be preserved and the new trees and landscape along Woodrow Avenue, through the aisles of the lots and the perimeter.

The original plan was not approved by the State Architect because it required that all the accessible parking spaces be evenly distributed along the length of the lot so that there would be access to any walkway. This plan has been revised accordingly.

There was discussion with the President's Committee on Disabilities (PCD) about having a central location for SCOUT pickup and providing a covered shelter in that area. Discussions with PCD also included the addition of illuminated/flashing pedestrian signage at the central location that was originally intended for accessible parking. Now that the accessible spaces have been distributed throughout, the solar-powered signs will need to be placed at each entry point along Backer Avenue. The plan also includes hash mark crossings throughout the entire lot so as to aid in reducing vehicular speed in that area.

Ms. Parten requested clarification on how the new stalls would be incorporated into the faculty/staff parking versus student parking and if clear demarcation would be used to help identify the use for these lots/spaces.

Ms. Armstrong affirmed that the first priority is to provide clear lines between faculty/staff and student parking to avoid confusion and citations. Mixed-use lots make this challenging, but the university has some recommendations and suggested signage from its Wayfinding consultants that should help address this issue.

The project is on schedule and expected to be complete before school starts. Mr. Boyd added that the new LED lighting will provide a very nice illumination in that area, as well as an opportunity for energy savings and rebates through PG&E.

Chair Matson requested that the revised project plan be shared with the PCD. Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Parten agreed to coordinate that effort.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.