

University Planning and Coordinating Council
Meeting Notes
September 7, 2006

Attendees:

Terry Ballman
Paul Calderwood
Joanne Coville
Jessica LaRoe
Maureen McQuestion
Greg Sawyer
Jane Sweetland
Ching-Hua Wang

Chelsee Bente
Bill Cordeiro
Therese Eyermann
Ted Lucas
Dennis Muraoka
Mitchel Sloan
Ashish Vaidya
Deborah Wylie

Absent:

Dave Chakraborty
Peter MacDougall

Marty de los Cobos

The meeting was attended by approximately 15 students to show their support for the proposal regarding location of a Student Union.

Prior to beginning discussion of the agenda items, Muraoka noted his concern regarding the late receipt of the agenda and supporting materials and lack of time for review and consultation with faculty. He would prefer the items be handled as a first reading and brought back to the Council for action.

Wylie indicated that the three recommendations from the Physical Master Plan Committee needed action today because of time constraints, particularly the Student Union, since a fee referendum has to get under way and is on a very short timeline with an October deadline for voting.

All three projects are not covered by general funds.

PMPC Recommendations

Hub Parking

- The PMPC recommends that approximately 3 acres of land located behind the Hub, adjacent and to the west of lot A4 be dedicated for the immediate creation of approximately 298 parking spaces (as described in the "Proposal for Dedication of Space for Parking Lot – July 2006.)

Motion by Lucas and seconded by Coville in favor of recommendation. All in favor.

Nursing Simulation Lab

- The PMPC recommends that approximately 3,150 gross square feet of vacant building space be dedicated for renovation to create a Clinical Simulation Technology Laboratory as described in the “Proposal for Dedication of Space (Unit 55) Adjacent to Manzanita Hall, August 2006.

Motion by Lucas and seconded by Wang in favor of recommendation. All in favor.

Student Union

- The PMPC recommends that the approximately 11,783 gross square feet currently in use as the Temporary Library be dedicated for the use as the location for a Student Union Facility once the Broome Library construction project has been completed and the space vacated, as described in the “Proposal for Dedication of Space at the Temporary Library, July 2006.

Jessica LaRoe, ASI President, gave a PowerPoint presentation in support of the recommendation. Establishment of a Student Union is number one on the priority list for Student Government this year. A feasibility study was commissioned and has been completed by the Facility Planning/Program Management Consulting Company, Brailsford & Dunleavy. Student surveys were conducted. Other locations were considered, Bowling Alley, Sage Hall, Malibu Hall, but the Temporary Library building met the majority of the criteria and the location is good for commuter and residential students.

Cordeiro, speaking as a Program Chair, indicated opposition to the use of the building for the Student Union based on the need for more classrooms, labs and offices for faculty. From a faculty point of view, the number one priority is educating the students.

Wylie commented that plans are underway for more classroom space in Manzanita Hall and North Hall.

Sawyer agreed that there is a need for classroom and office space, but it is also important for the students to have a place for their activities.

Several faculty members expressed their concern that this information had not been shared with other faculty or the Academic Senate. The concern is about the process; the need for a Student Union was agreed upon.

Motion was made by Cordeiro and seconded by Coville in favor of the recommendation with an amendment by Vaidya, that if the footprint changes, the proposal would come back to UPACC for review.

Vote: 14 in Favor, 4 Opposed, 2 Abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.