

Meeting of the Facilities Planning Commission Room Location: Sunset Conference Room Teams Link: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Date: March 29, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

POSITION	TERM	NAME	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Chair, Vice President	2021-22	John Harman	Finance and Administration
Provost and Vice President	2021-22	Joanna Mott	Academic Affairs
Vice President	2021-22	Erin Foley	Student Affairs
Vice Provost	2021-22	Abdy Afjeh	Research and Academic Affairs
Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer	2021-22	Connie Atchley	Information Technology Services
Dean of Engineering, Technology, and Management	2021-22	Tom Keyser	Academic Affairs
Dean of Health, Arts, and Sciences	2021-22	Dan Peterson	Academic Affairs
Assoc. Director Recruitment & Yield	2021-22	Josephine Ness	Admissions
Director	2021-22	John Van Dyke	Athletics
Director	2021-22	Thom Darrah	Facilities Management Services
University Librarian	2021-22	John Schoppert	Academic Affairs
University Registrar	2021-22	Wendy Ivie	Academic Affairs
Portland-Metro Representative	2021-23	Lara Pracht	Academic Affairs
Senate Executive Representative	2021-23	CJ Riley	Faculty Senate
Faculty 1	2019-22	Mark Neupert	Humanities and Social Sciences
Faculty 2	2019-22	Gary Lomprey	Business Management
Faculty 3	2021-24	Sharon Beaudry	Business Management
Klamath Falls Student Representative	2021-22	Ty James	Student
Portland-Metro Student Representative	2021-22	Vacant	Student
Executive Assistant	2021-22	Celia Green	Finance and Administration

Agenda

Meeting called to order – Chair Harman 10:09 am

- 1. Capital Projects Update- Thom Darrah
 - **a.** Thom Darrah presented a slideshow updating the committee on the status of current capital projects.
 - *i.* Dean Peterson asked if there is still an intention by the city to do the roundabout by the hospital. Thom replied that work will most likely begin in April. There will be some detours off of Campus Way.
 - *ii.* Dr. Foley asked if that information could be shared with campus before the road gets blocked off. Thom replied that he will reach out and see if he can get the date the detour will begin.
 - iii. Dr. Riley asked if more items would be added to the CIR list. Thom explained that placeholders are shown under index UPE-805. CIR dollars have very specific uses. The monies are funded on a 2-year cycle. Thom reserves half of the balance for the second year. VP Harman added that we spend university funds first and then submit for reimbursement from the HECC from our CIR allocation.
 - *iv.* Dr. Neupert asked when CEET auditorium will be fully operational. Thom explained that the remaining IT equipment has arrived and needs to be installed. VP Harman added that there were supply chain disruptions which were the cause of the delays.
- 2. Approval of minutes from June 2021 meeting- VP Harman

a. Minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.

3. Student Housing Update- VP Harman

- **a.** VP Harman presented slides regarding student housing.
 - *i.* Dr. Neupert asked if we are at our maximum debt limit with bonds. VP Harman replied that it's only the XI-F bonds that we have to repay. Those debt ratio or annual bond payments are about 3.5% of annual total operating expenditures which is well within the best practice benchmark and is considered low. When we do take on the additional debt for student housing beginning in the summer of 2023, we expect the rate will increase to 4.8 or maybe 5% of annual operating expenditures. This is still very manageable and low by most standards.
 - *ii.* Student Representative Ty James expressed that students want better food options and a wider range of options that just Sodexo. This would be attractive for students and would help with retention. VP Harman agreed that more variety would be beneficial to students. Sodexo did add the rotating food bar on the second floor of the CU. We'll continue to look for opportunities for improvement.

4. Master Facilities Plan Update- Thom Darrah

- *i.* John Van Dyke asked if there is a plan for the space above the soccer field. Thom said that will be addressed within the upcoming facilities master plan project. Thom also added that the master plan is going to be updated with the RFP issued by end of April 2022 and an architect will be selected by the end of May.
- *ii.* Dr. Neupert asked if that will include the new land OT has purchased as well as the ABA Clinic and possibly a business startup. VP Harman replied that before any development of that area can begin, we need to bring campus utilities to that area.
- iii. Dr. Neupert stated that he was on the city planning commission when the roundabout was discussed. He added that with flat or reduced enrollment, it's possible we are not at the load projections required for the roundabouts. Dr. Neupert followed with the question, can we postpone? Thom replied that we might not have a choice. Its completion is dependent on additional funding from the state. VP Harman added that only a portion of cost escalations is being funded from the February legislature and there are discussions ongoing at the HECC and LFO about how the funds will be distributed. Oregon Tech may receive \$1.6M or \$2.3M depending on the final allocation methodology. \$4.3M was needed to complete the project as originally planned. There will be further discussions after we find out how much additional funding we will receive.

5. HECC Capital Project Submissions- VP Harman

a. VP Harman discussed the three capital projects that have been developed by the leadership and are being submitted to the HECC for funding. Center for Student Success, Learning Resource Center Renovation and Semon Hall Renovation. These projects are designed to improve the student learning experience and promote academic success in addition to improving the quality of classrooms to support evolving paradigms in teaching and learning models and improving ADA access and seismic retrofitting. He thanked those who have helped contribute to the process.

6. Other-

a. VP Harman explained the problems that have recently occurred with both geothermal and freshwater wells. In order to properly fix everything, we would need about \$10 million. We are the only Oregon campus that has this unique type of infrastructure.

- b. VP Harman also discussed the City's new wastewater meter. Our billing went up nearly 10-fold immediately following installation of their new meter. We brought in a consultant to help review the issue. The consultant's study confirmed that the City had installed the new meter incorrectly and had also left off a vital component that would have allowed them to more accurately measure the waste water flow. We've been overbilled around \$400K since March of 2021 and are trying to engage the city to recover the amounts overbilled.
- **c.** VP Harman explained that the JCI power plant is not operational and would take considerable investment to bring on-line. It has only operated intermittently over 10 years for not more than a few weeks at a time. It will cost at least \$500K to get it up and running and then the issue of persistent breakdowns is a perpetual risk. It appears this design may have never achieved its proof of concept as reliable in producing energy.

Meeting adjourned – 10:56 am