

Meeting of the Facilities Planning Commission (FPC)

Room Location: CEET Conference Room 250
Date: November 7, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm

POSITION	TERM	NAME	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Chair, vice President	2022-23	John Harman	Finance and Administration
Provost and Vice President	2022-23	Joanna Mott	Academic Affairs
Vice President	2022-23	Erin Foley	Student Affairs
Vice Provost	2022-23	Abdy Afjeh	Research and Academic Affairs
Associate Vice President/CIO or Designee	2022-23	Tony Richey	Information Technology Services
Dean of Engineering, Technology, and Management	2022-23	Tom Keyser	Academic Affairs
Dean of Health, Arts, and Sciences	2022-23	Dan Peterson	Academic Affairs
Assoc. Director Recruitment & Yield	2022-23	Josephine Ness	Admissions
Director	2022-23	John Van Dyke	Athletics
Director	2022-23	Thom Darrah	Facilities Management Services
University Librarian	2022-23	John Schoppert	Academic Affairs
University Registrar	2022-23	Wendy Ivie	Academic Affairs
Portland-Metro Representative	2020-23	Lara Pracht	Academic Affairs
Senate Executive Representative	2022-23	Ashton Greer	Faculty Senate
Faculty 1	2022-23	Ken Davis	Applied Mathematics
Faculty 2	2022-25	Gary Lomprey	Business Management
Faculty 3	2021-24	Sharon Beaudry	Business Management
Klamath Falls Student Representative	2022-23	Finn Anders	Student
Portland-Metro Student Representative	2022-23	William Sell	Student
Executive Assistant	2022-23	Celia Green	Finance and Administration

Minutes

Meeting called to order – *Chair Harman* called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. In addition to the committee members, Alicia Dillon and Michelle Meyer from OT attended as well as Eric Talbot and Mike Shea with Soderstrom Architects, LLC.

- 1. **Approval of minutes from March 2022 meeting-** Dr. Keyser moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Foley seconded; motion approved.
- 2. Capital Projects Update- Thom Darrah presented a slideshow with the status of the current capital projects. The new student housing project budget is \$35 million. The architect should be selected within the next 2 weeks. Chair Harman stated that an advisory group will be formed with members of this Commission as well as some additional students for the new student housing project. Chair Harman also talked about escalating construction costs. Supply chain issues and manufacturing delays have caused escalations in construction costs nationwide. Thom Darrah explained that 30% of the student housing project square footage is common space. The cost per bed is not actually \$70,000 when this is included. Chair Harman commented that the price of the project is market competitive as compared to other institutions who are also building new student housing. Thom Darrah explained that the first phase of the project would be to determine where the building would be located. The advisory group will be involved in that decision.

- 3. **Outstanding Bonds Update-** Chair Harman and Thom Darrah reviewed the projects that are in process. See slideshow for details.
- 4. Master Plan Update- Mike Shea from Soderstrom Architects, LLC presented the Facilities Master Plan update. Soderstrom has been gathering information for the project. They will begin working on the draft master plan in January. One of the things they will be looking at is the condition of the older buildings on campus. They will be noting the items that need replacement in 2, 10, and 15 years. This will allow planning for system failures.

Classroom configurations will also be evaluated. The current configurations may not be suitable for today's pedagogy. A cost estimation will also be provided so OT can plan accordingly. Design guidelines for new buildings will be developed using similar materials and proportions to enhance the sense of place. Also included in the Facilities Master Plan will be energy targets, space utilization, residential space, predicting future facilities requirements in general based on the strategic plan and student growth, parking, campus infrastructure, as well as financial, safety, and security requirements. Chair Harman added that Soderstrom is also including the Portland Metro Campus in the Facilities Master Planning process.

Ken Davis asked if an e-bike path to campus from town is being considered as well as providing safer routes for students traveling via bike and on foot. He added that the interiors of many of the buildings are very dull. Nicer paint and artwork would be low cost and would make the classrooms nicer and increase student learning. Mike Shea said those were great ideas that will be reviewed.

Chair Harman asked who is coordinating with academics. Mike Shea said that needs to be set up. A smaller committee that we can talk to on a regular basis who can then reach out to other subgroups that have a special interest. Dr. Mott indicated she would be the point of contact and would coordinate participation through the Deans with Soderstrom from the academic division. Dr. Mott stated that we have Dr. Kari Lundgren and her committee working on campus beautification. Kelsey Petznick and others have met with Dr. Mott to discuss internal directories in the buildings and identifying classrooms that need major work. Thom Darrah will be the point person for the buildings and campus infrastructure elements of the project. These groups could integrate into the Facilities master planning process. Mike Shea said that one of the issues that has been identified is a lack of uniform signage. That contributes to the overall feel of the campus.

Chair Harman proposed to creating focus groups to point Soderstrom in the right direction. The focus groups and Soderstrom would then provide the FPC with updates. Mike Shea said he thought that sounded great. He could see meeting with the focus groups every 1-2 weeks and then with the FPC once a month. Chair Harman will provide a summary of the plan to the FPC. Chair Harman added, "we want to make sure that there is input and thought from the FPC and to provide opportunities across campus for participation".

Chair Harman stated that he's hoping to get feedback from Soderstrom regarding the JCI Power Plant and how that might fit into the overall campus energy strategy. Mike Shea said that one of the things they will look at is the energy use of the older buildings. The geothermal capacity could be increased by conservation and using less energy in the older buildings.

Chair Harman mentioned that the geothermal renewable energy infrastructure is getting older, and OT is experiencing more frequent failures. It's worth reinvesting in geothermal as we do have significant annual energy savings.

- 5. **Residence Hall Update-** This was discussed previously during the Capital Projects Update.
- 6. Capital Projects Submissions Update- Chair Harman provided an update on the on the Capital Projects submissions. We submitted three projects to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) requesting capital funding including: Center for Student Success (new construction), Renovation of the Learning Resource Center (built in 1980) and renovation of Semon Hall (built in 1965). New construction is scored lower under the HECC's evaluation rubric so the Center for Student Success most likely won't be funded by the legislature. We won't know until late in the 2023 legislative session which projects will be funded. OT looked at emergency funding for the Geothermal system, but it looks like that isn't an option with the HECC or the State's Emergency Board (eBoard). CIR dollars are not sufficient and were not intended for a project of this scale. University leadership has decided to pursue funding for geothermal repairs directly through the legislature through a bill. This would be a three-year project and would require taking buildings offline in the summer when they are not being used as heavily by students and faculty.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:54pm.