

## Plant Utilization and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

Meeting was brought to order at 2:30 by Pat Weiss

Present: Jeanine Buchanich, Dan Fisher, Scott Bernotas, Owen Cooks, Russell Clark, Dave DeJong, Eli Shorak, Kathleen Kelly, Pat Roncevich, Irene Frieze, Tracey Olanyk, Pat Weiss, Nancy Baker, Andy Moran, Susanna Leers, Joe Streets, Laura Zullo, Paul Munro, Paul Supowitz, Maureen Reynolds, Joe Newsome, Kristin Gusten, Mario Browne

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Grounds update – Andy Moran
  - a. Snow Management Plan: Staff and facilities have been trained. By Thanksgiving everything will be outfitted for snow. 30 miles of sidewalk and 2000 steps to maintain. 29 staff plus additional hires. Campus is staffed in zones and areas are prioritized by day and time. Equipment available to clear under all conditions. University police contact on off hours to notify of conditions. Staff will be called in as soon as areas start to get snowed in. Subscribed to Skywatch – weather company that provides alerts within a 3 hour window. Bulk salt used for de-icing, calcium for cathedral, blended for sidewalks. Will be trying new spreaders that are more targeted to help save materials. Goal is to get parking lots cleared by 6am. Snow removal is not coordinated with UPMC or City of Pittsburgh. Snow removal occurs on University of Pittsburgh property.
  - b. Vision of the Campus: First Impressions – make the campus as pretty as possible, improvements and maintenance. Will be working to improve drainage and appearance of area between Heinz Hall and Cathedral of Learning.
  - c. Sustainability: Designs will foster sustainability. Phipps will start a new program in sustainable landscape accreditation which we will incorporate. Materials are composted by a separate company as Pitt does not have the room.
- 3) Facilities Management update – Scott Bernotas and Facilities Management staff
  - a. Timetable and plans for conversion to single stream recycling: Laura Zullo is in charge of sustainability at University of Pittsburgh. Republic Services (new 5 year contract) will take care of recycling. Completed campus wide waste audit last year and determined on single stream recycling. 7% improvement in waste diversion is planned every year. Recycle material goes off campus. Systematically changing containers and labeling. Currently different models on campus. Designing new containers that will be used for recycling/waste. Slim Bins will be retained but we will add new labels. All workstations have recycling bins nearby. Battery recycling is available. Exterior recycling is being tested using solar powered compactors. 41% of materials are recycled currently. Goal is to have ~60% recycled by end of 5 year contract. Education and roll out of single stream recycling has started.
  - b. Facilities is working on a new model of sustainability committee with all major areas represented
  - c. Electrical Distribution System: Electricity comes from Duquesne. Planning to replace Chevron substation (built 1975) and Posvar (1975). Comes out through feeders (all replaced within the last 10-15 years). If power is lost in one substation, we can backfeed

through other substations. Reviewed how power circulates in buildings. Campus metering: Usage is tracked across campus via wireless monitors which is reviewed by the energy monitoring system in energy command center. Data is monitored to identify problems and develop solutions. Currently looking for the best energy vendor.

- d. Priorities: reduce single point of failures; maintain equipment every 5 years; replace Posvar substation; FFA transformers; e-metering system – show how we save money with the system.
  - e. Will try to take a tour of the Energy Center in December.
- 4) Other Business
- a. Expanded Senate Council – There will be more crossover and collaboration between Senate Committees.
  - b. Parking – As of Monday (November 16) people can be added to wait list at point of hire rather than start date. Department has to process paperwork. The PUP committee has been asked to continue to look for additional parking opportunities.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:50.