

Meeting Minutes- January 15, 2015

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2015 - 3:00 pm

153 Benedum, **Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation**, Swanson School

Attending: Jim Becker, Owen Cooks, Dave DeJong, Joe Fink, Dan Fisher, Kristin Gusten, Kent Harries, Kathleen Kelly, Suzanna Leers, Dan Marcinko, Paul Munro, Tracey Olanyk, Pat Roncevich, Eli Shorak, Jay Sukits, Paul Supowitz, Pat Weiss, John Wilds, Steve Wisniewski, Laura Zullo

Guests: Dick Howe

Call to Order: Pat Weiss called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

November meeting minutes were approved with the addition of Laura Zullo and Paul Supowitz to the attendees list.

Issues Raised: Jay Sukits mentioned that the new classrooms on the first floor of David Lawrence Hall do not have computers for instructor use. He was informed that computer technology is not standard in general (registrar controlled) classrooms, but that projectors are typically installed with panels for connecting laptops.

Updates:

1. Erica Ninos is the new Student Sustainability Coordinator. (Pat Weiss)
2. Jeanine Buchanich, PUP representative on the University Planning and Budgeting Committee, reports that activity to date has consisted of an orientation session including committee charges and history. Committee members also participated in the same "environmental scan" meetings as Faculty Assembly and Senate Council. (Pat Weiss)
3. No date has been set for the next meeting of the Sustainability Working Group. (Pat Weiss)
4. Dave DeJong introduced Steve Wisniewski, who has joined the Provost's staff as Associate Vice Provost for Planning. (Pat Weiss)

Reports

1. **Helium Recovery Project.** Dick Howe (Associate Dean for Administration and Planning in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences) gave a detailed presentation of the University Project.

Some highlights:

- Users include chemistry, physics, MRI, NMR
- Master Plan introduced in 2007
- Completion expected this Spring
- Expected to recover over 75% of Helium used (manufacturer of the system claims 99% efficiency)

2. Jay Sukits presented wording for a draft resolution for classroom maintenance guidelines. After some discussion, it was decided to revise the draft using wording from the "Pitt Promise: A Commitment to Civility" statement (<http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittpromise>)

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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