

Minutes
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee
April 5, 2010

Attending: Attilio Favorini, Joe Fink, Irene Frieze, Susanna Leers, Paul Munro, Lisa A. Pilewski, Michael Pinsky, Paul Supowitz, and Laura Zullo.

Minutes for March 1, 2010 were approved as written.

Blue, Gold and Green events are occurring on Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9. These include a panel on sustainability at Pitt, planned by our Sustainability subcommittee.

Joe Fink [and Laura Zullo] presented an overview of building and renovation projects over the last decade, and current projects. The focus was on what is being done in Oakland. Other projects are being done at the Regional campuses.

- In the decade from 2000-2009, a total of 1751 capital projects were done looking at all campuses combined, at a cost of \$1.143 billion. Projects were funded in various ways, typically with state funding, funds from issuing bonds, donations and gifts, and federal funding.
- In Oakland, projects included building the Bouquet Gardens dorms; building the McGowan Center for Regenerative Medicine [receiving Gold LEED certification]; building the Petersen Events Center; building Sennott Square; renovating the 36th floor of the Cathedral of Learning to expand the Honors College; adding the Salk Hall Dental Pre-Clinic Labs; building the Biomedical Science Tower 3; building the Pennsylvania Hall dorm; building the Panther Hall dorm; building the Life Sciences annex to Langley Hall; building the Carrillo Street Steam Plant; renovations to Hillman Library; building the Public Safety Building; building the Darragh Street housing for medical students; renovating Ruskin Hall; adding the Financial Analysis Lab to Mervis Hall; cleaning and preservation of the outer walls of the Cathedral of Learning; adding the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation to Benedum Hall [including a green roof]; adding an addition to Falk School and renovating the existing building; renovating the University Club; renovating the Old Engineering Hall Physics labs; doing renovations on the third floor of Mervis Hall; doing renovations in the William Pitt Union; and renovations of the Darlington Library in the Cathedral of Learning.
- All of these projects were done with attention to details, to enhance the appearance of the existing and new areas, and with a focus on sustainability. Several of the projects have won awards.
- The housing of many more students in new dorms has greatly improved the relationship of Pitt with the community. Community members had requested that students be housed on campus as much as possible.
- Current projects in Oakland include the Chevron Science Center addition [LEED certification is being sought]; an addition to the Graduate School of Public Health; an addition to Salk Hall [LEED certification being sought]; renovations of the Mid-Campus

Research Complex [including Allen Hall, OEH, Thaw Hall and SRCC]; the addition of a Greenhouse to the Langley Hall bridge area; new outdoor fields near Trees Hall, adding to the Petersen Sports Complex; and expansion of the Bouquet Gardens dorms.

After some discussion, we decided that we won't meet again until the Fall semester, since there were no pressing agenda items. Items to be discussed in the fall include the Bellefield/Fifth Ave intersection [traffic here makes it very difficult for pedestrians to cross] and an update on Pitt-owned properties now being rented in Oakland.

Submitted by Irene Frieze