

Minutes - PUP Committee Meetings
Oct. 25, 2012 and Nov. 29, 2012

I. Oct.25, 2012

Present:

Jim Becker, Jeanine Buchanich, David DeJong, Joe Fink, Irene Frieze, Susanna Leers, Dan Marcinko, Eli Shorak, Paul Supowitz, Pat Weiss, Laura Zullo

Due to the noise caused by a faulty microphone in the Martin room, combined with the beautiful weather, the committee moved the meeting outside to the Posvar amphitheater. It was noisy outside too, but in a different way.

1. The minutes from the May 2012 and the Sept. 2012 PUP committee meetings were approved.
2. The dates, times, and places for the remaining meetings of the academic year were reviewed.
3. The committee discussed possible presentations and building tours for the remaining PUP committee meetings of the year. Chair Pat Weiss said that Kathy Trent will be happy to give a presentation on campus landscaping and grounds. Eli Shorak recommended a tour of the book center renovations in the springtime; and suggested a tour of the new freshman dorm at the beginning of the May meeting after which the committee can move easily to the University Club. The committee members were enthusiastic about touring the Pitt facilities on Thomas Blvd. in north Point Breeze, and Eli Shorak said we should be able to take a shuttle bus to the facility. A presentation on classroom technology is also planned for one of the PUP committee meetings this year.
4. Joe Fink gave a facilities update. He had presented a very thorough update at the September meeting, so he briefly reviewed campus activity and reported on many architectural and construction awards that have been received by many recent and current building projects on campus. Irene Frieze asked if the remodeled Public Health building will have a new auditorium – the answer was yes.
5. Jim Becker gave an extensive report of the recent Sustainability Committee meeting, and the many ways in which Pitt is working to make the campus more environmentally sound. The full minutes of the meeting will be available on the Sustainability Committee website.
6. Susanna Leers reported on the recent press conference held at the Fifth Avenue/ Bellefield Ave. intersection. The Pittsburgh Public Works director held the conference to announce that the intersection would be made safer for pedestrians with auditory signals and a 3 second delay for pedestrians to cross the intersection; the equipment has been ordered and will be installed before Jan. 1, 2013.
7. There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

II. Nov. 29, 2012

No regular meeting

Tour of University Library System's Thomas Boulevard facility

Participating:

Nancy Baker, Jeanine Buchanich, David DeJong, Joe Fink, Susanna Leers, Paul Munro, Eli Shorak, Paul Supowitz, Pat Weiss, Amy Williams