

Faculty Senate Environment and Planning Committee **Minutes**

Monday, January 28, 2013, 2:00–3:30PM

GL 835 on the MMC

LIB 155 on the BBC on video link

Present Committee Members: Constance Bates (Business), Peter Craumer (A&S), Roberto Rovira (CARTA), John Stuart (CARTA).

Absent Committee Members: Yong Cai (A&S), Hector Fuentes (Engineering), Joel Heinen (A&S)

Present Ex-Officio Committee Members: Carrie Kashar, Ryan Vogel, Tony Vu (Treasurer), Delano Gray (Chair, Faculty Senate)

Visitors: James Wassenaar, Executive Director of Student Affairs

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes were approved.

2) Discussion and updates of motions

- Peter reported back on the senate discussion of the two motions recommended for approval. One motion was approved and the other was sent back to the committee for revision. The committee worked on revising the motion as suggested by the senate. The revised motion read as follows:

Revised Motion #12/13:31

- In light of the current 2010–20, Master Planning process, the Faculty Senate urges the university to seek input from the faculty to ensure that established environmental, sustainability, and safety goals, policies and practices are effectively addressed on all university properties.

[As a follow-up, the revised motion was approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and presented to the Senate by Roberto Rovira. The motion passed.]

- Bob brought to the attention of the committee that there could be a solution to the entry/exit problems on BBC. Staff from Facilities Planning walked the route between state and city-owned land that leads to 143rd Street and noted that the boundary was a raised path between two mangroves. He also noted that the City of Miami plans to widen a pedestrian bridge to accommodate emergency vehicles.

3) Invitee suggestions for next meeting.

- The committee discussed invitations to the March meeting. It was suggested that the committee receive input from student voices and ask a SGC representative to speak with us. Roberto agreed to contact Pablo Haspel, President of the SGC for BBC. [Follow-up: Pablo agreed to join the meeting on March 25.]

4) Committee charge and direction.

- Delano spoke with the committee about the direction of the legislature being performance based with an emphasis on job creation.
- John mentioned that Denice Heller Wardrop at Penn State Harrisburg might be a model for integrating elements of the environment and planning of the university into research projects. John had contacted Denice, but had not yet heard a response. Bob suggested that the committee draft a template of what this position might look like.

5) Sustainability Committee leadership.

- It was agreed that we needed to look at the Sustainability Committee Charter to review its role and make recommendations on its leadership.

6) Other items

- Bob requested that committee members review the Master Plan documents.
[Follow-up: These were sent around to faculty members for comment.]

7) Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 2–3:30PM, GL 835 and LIB 155.