

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: Peter Craumer (A&S), Hector Fuentes (Engineering), Roberto Rovira (CARTA), John Stuart (CARTA).

Absent Committee Members: Constance Bates (Business), Yong Cai (A&S), Joel Heinen (A&S),

Present Ex-Officio Committee Members: Carrie Kashar, Ryan Vogel, Tony Vu (Treasurer)

Visitors: James Wassenaar, Executive Director of Student Affairs

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes.

- Meeting Minutes for 12/5/12 j were approved.

2) Discussion with James Wassenaar, Executive Director of Student Affairs about issues of relevance to the environment, planning, and student life.

- JW asked to be an ex-officio member of the Environment and Planning Committee. He serves now as the Director of Facilities Planning and Operations, Division of Student Affairs.
- JW expressed interest in tying back programs related to sustainability to the curriculum.
- The LEED initiative continues to grow and Parkview housing is on the verge of LEED gold when it opens in mid-July 2013. The proximity of Parkview to the Preserve continues to be an asset.
- Committee members suggested that there be a special tour of Parkview for Faculty Senate members.
- JW is interested in creating bike lanes, and improve work with DOT to connect to Sweetwater. Likewise, he deals with Food Services, the Wolf and Graham Center.
- Programming Phase II of student housing will begin in two weeks. Parkview Phase II should provide a way to play out the ideas of the environment. JW is the chair of the Programming Committee.
- JW mentioned that housing is about 20% of the campus footprint and commented on the lack of outdoor recreation space.
- Peter expressed an interest in finding solutions for temporary housing at BBC and pointed out that this has not yet been a priority.

3) Invitee suggestions for next meeting.

- There was the suggestion of having Amir Mirmiran talk to our committee about the College of Engineering. The committee did not have a chance to discuss this.

4) Update on 2012-13 committee motions to the Steering Committee.

- John will follow up with Peter on how these go.

5) Motion in support of the Preserve Plan

- Ryan would draft a motion specifically about the Preserve for consideration by the Steering Committee.

6) New Business

- **Bill Foster's resignation. Sustainability Committee leadership.**
 - Hector suggested that John meet with Delano to talk about the Sustainability committee leadership.
- **Other items**

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