

**Faculty Senate Environment and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 5, 2012, 2:00–3:30PM**  
**PC 225 on the MMC**  
**HL 319 on the BBC on video**

Present: Constance Bates (Business), Yong Cai (A&S), Peter Craumer (A&S), Hector Fuentes (Engineering), Roberto Rovira (CARTA), John Stuart (CARTA). Ex-officio: Bob Griffith (Facilities), Carrie Kashar/Ryan Vogel (OUS), Tony Vu (Treasurer). Guests: Vice Provost Steven Moll.

Absent: Joel Heinen (A&S)

**1) Introduction of committee members**

**2) Discussion with Steve Moll about issues of relevance to BBC**

- Committee members discussed at length the issues of the Master Plan as it relates to the BBC. If enrollment doubles from its current 7,900 to 15,000 by 2020, there will be need for a parking garage that connects to Academic II.
- Positive contract with Royal Caribbean (RCCL) to open training facilities at BBC. They will upgrade and use existing dormitory facilities and will construct a new facility with a forty-year lease, 25% of which will be used by others at BBC. This possibly being located in an area that was not being considered for development on the master plan.
- Steve fully endorses the concept of the BBC being the “Environmental Campus.” Asks whether the Office of University Sustainability should be located there.
- The seven acres on the south tip of campus should be turned into mangroves.
- Bob noted that the new Master Plan may be amended to include the RCCL facility and that this time around the planning process is bringing in more people than ever.
- Discussion of a large aquarium for research related to the Museum of Science.
- The SEAS building appears to be on hold. This needs to be revived despite the loss of PECO funding.
- Peter noted that faculty members were not included in the discussions about the RCCL.
- Steve discussed the suggestion by Michael Swerdlow to build a pier off of the Marine Sciences building with footings that go down more than 20 feet. Dredging off the coast would produce soil that he would purchase to make landfill. Pier would be used to dock large research vessels. Mike Heithaus is apparently supportive.
- Steven would like to see the College of Education move to BBC, which would bring enrollment and growth.
- Tony noted that Penn State has a campus that focuses on college prep and remedial services.
- Steve pointed out that MMC has 150% usage of its classrooms. BBC, however, has just 30%.
- Constant commented that in her experience satellite campuses only work with complete programs and that BBC should be looking to have complete programs on its campus.

- There was a lengthy discussion between committee members and Steve about the issues with the entry road and what might be done about it. Discussions included the addition of an additional express lane for a shuttle or bridging over mangroves. It was generally agreed that the entry road is essentially a crisis and the greatest concern was what happens in the case of an emergency and everyone on the campus needed to be evacuated. Even now when there are emergencies at the schools along the entry road, the road shuts down entirely for hours.
- Steve and committee members discussed specific motions that the committee could present to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate for consideration. These would include motions to increase environmental standards for FIU as a whole and for BBC specifically. They would support the president's initiative to acquire a secondary road on and off the campus. They would address the issue of safety. [John said that he would work on language for the motions and send them around. They are on the 12/5/12 agenda.]
- The long-term discussions for the campus included a new building for Hospitality, a New Media Studies center for Journalism and Mass Communication, a possible extension to Academic II for much needed additional office space to accompany future expansion.
- Yong urged the committee to help the faculty and students at BBC to think and work with political acumen.

### **3) Ryan Vogel discussion about the Preserve and housing**

- This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

### **4) Formulating questions for Ken Jessell's visit**

- Questions formulated for Ken Jessell include:
  - BBC: campus entrance, new facilities, mission
  - FIU planned/executed off-campus property acquisitions
  - Preserve and student housing
  - New buildings on all of our campuses
  - 109th entrance sidewalk safety issue update
  - Bird Basin Tract and Youth Fair updates
  - Faculty Club/Graham Student Center/Business Services updates as they pertain to environmental policies
  - FIU housing/development in Sweetwater
  - Campus lighting plan update
  - Office of University Sustainability (leadership, building update, recycling enhancements, educational outreach)
  - Other issues??

### **5) New Business**

- **Campus Master Plan Taskforce Group Reports from Delano Gray**
  - Please find files at:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dkg7otygtkxm09l/JEy4aNdshU>
  - Note Group 1 (Academic Mission) mentions moving the College of Education to BBC, Partnership with Royal Caribbean, SEED (Seeking Educational Equality and Diversity), housing, clinics.
  - Note Group 2 (Open Space) mentions BBC in light of the Public Liberal Arts College model.

- Group 3 (Architecture) notes a lack of density at BBC and the idea that one enters the campus through a sea of parking.
- Group 4 (Housing) notes the need for off-campus housing in North Miami.
- Group 5 (Infrastructure) commented that BBC be branded the “environmental” campus.
- Group 6 (Transportation) mentioned BBC only in the context of enhancing the shuttle bus service between campuses.
- Group 7 (Intergovernmental) mentioned using the University-City model from MMC on BBC and improved campus access to BBC.
  - These were noted, but not discussed.

**6) Next meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 11–12:30PM, PC 225 and LIB 155.**