

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: May 23, 2013: 2:30 – 4:30 pm, ASB 120

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Reeta Tremblay, Co-Chair	√	David Perry
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Glenn Brennan,
√	Howard Brunt	R	Tony Eder
√	Carmen Charette	√	Melanie Groves
√	Katy Mateer	√	Grant Hughes
√	John Archibald	R	Kristi Simpson
R	Thomas Tiedje		
√	Andrew Rowe	R	Rhonda Ljunggren (Secretary)
R	Karena Shaw	√	Neil Connelly
√	(Kelsey Mech) – Miriam Moore		Guests
√	Paula Johanson	√	Rita Fromholt, Sustainability Coordinator
√	(Sheryl Karras) – John Hall	√	Matt Greeno, Sustainability Coordinator
R	Paul Ward	√	Betsey Moyer, FMGT
R	Dale Henley	√	Paula Leahy, CST
		√	Al Bishop, UVSS
			√ = In Attendance
			R = Regrets Noted

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 28, 2012

The minutes of November 28, 2012 were approved as circulated.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Gorrill welcomed the committee and member delegates. She noted that the campus was looking great for the opening of Congress 2013.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

6. Regular Business

1. Continuing Studies Building Addition (program of requirements/engagement approach)

The reports on the program of requirements and the engagement approach for the Continuing Studies building addition were presented to the Committee for approval.

The ESL Pathways program for international students is scheduled to increase enrolment, and the renovations to the building will provide more and improved space for the existing and expanded program. The project will provide an increase of 24,000 ft² to accommodate classrooms, executive program space, offices and language labs. This represents an approximate 50% increase to the size of the current building.

A development variance permit for parking will be needed from Saanich, as well as a height variance permit. No new parking spaces will be provided and variance for the height of the addition is required as the existing building is 14.8m in height and received a variance when it was constructed in 2003.

Construction is scheduled to commence in the beginning of 2014, with January 2015 targeted for completion. The project site and connections to the existing will be examined in detail as part of the development of the schematic design.

Regarding community engagement, the level of community consultation will fall into the “inform” category. The various activities were outlined to facilitate feedback and input that will assist in advancing the project to design completion and final development approval.

Following discussion by the Committee, the following motion was proposed:

(Mateer, Brunt)

THAT the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the Program of Requirements for the addition and renovations to the Continuing Studies Building, be approved.

CARRIED

The Committee also received the plans outlined for engagement with the campus and the external community, on the Continuing Studies Building Addition project, for information.

2. Campus Bike Centre and Student Union Building Addition Updates

Campus Bike Centre:

- located at the west side of the University Centre parkade; improving west side public access
- Will provide bike and clothing lockers and parking for over 200 bikes

- A development variance permit approval is required for the displacement of 28 parking spaces
- Project budget is \$500,000, funded by Parking Services as part of the TDM program
- It is a UVic 50th anniversary legacy project

Student Union Building Expansion and Renovations:

- UVSS referendum of November 2012 passed dedicated semester fee for the project
- Renovations priorities: Felicita's pub, exterior of building, Vertigo lounge, concourse/businesses, upper lounge
- \$2.2 million overall project budget
- Development variance permit approval required for 1 parking space required under the bylaw that will not be provided for the 22.5m² addition to incorporate part of the patio space into the pub.
- Felicita's contract now out for tender
- Construction to start as soon as possible following Congress 2013

3. Capital Projects Update – Mr. Perry

- **CARSA construction**
 - Construction has begun and is on schedule to date – two year construction period – LEED Gold
 - Completion is targeted for April 2015, fully operational September 2015
 - Groundbreaking celebration scheduled for May 28th
- **McKenzie Road upgrades**
 - Upgrades to start any day, by the contractors coordinated by Saanich Engineering
 - 150 trees will be replanted along roadway when complete
- **Ian Stewart**
 - A building assessment and planning study is to be undertaken,

4. Planning for Bus Capacity Improvements on Campus

The provision of additional bus bay capacity on campus to allow for short term growth and the improved functioning of the current exchange is one of the key recommendations in the Campus Transit Plan. With the study that BC Transit's consultants have undertaken on three different sites, there is a need for further discussion with BC Transit and other campus stakeholders on the steps and work required to advance the area across from the current main exchange and at the north side of the SUB (Option B1) as the preferred option.

The Committee received, as information, the report on Planning for Bus Capacity Improvements on Campus.

The UVSS representative on the Committee referred to the UVSS Board's support for the SUB parking lot site for additional bus bay space and their advocacy for improved bus service. Other discussion centered on the need for more detailed development and engagement plans to be prepared that can address issues relating to campus impacts, costs, phasing and scheduling, before any final project approvals are set. An update will be provided to the Committee at their first meeting in the fall.

5. Biomass Feasibility Study – March 27th Open House meeting – Community Input Summary Report

Approximately 85 people attended the biomass feasibility open house on March 27th. Concerns expressed included air quality, trucking, location of plant and questions around renewable energy technology.

The feasibility study is underway, and will be completed this fall. At present, the study is in its very early stages. The engagement plan for the project provides for additional open house meetings in fall.

6. Campus Traffic Survey (2012)

The report on the comprehensive survey of campus traffic for a typical weekday period conducted by Bunt and Associates in October 2012 was presented. It was noted that the modal split numbers have largely stabilized over the last two surveys and changes for the most part are minor. There was discussion on planning for possible new TDM measures and the need to identify and consult with the appropriate stakeholders to develop appropriate and acceptable implementation plans that enjoy stakeholder support. The role that improved transit service could play along with new cycling infrastructure such as the campus bike centre was also discussed.

The Committee received the 2012 Campus Traffic Survey and report for information.

7. 2012 Carbon Neutral Action Report

The 2012 report was presented. It references that overall, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the university at 14,167.1 tCO₂e, were down 8% in 2012 compared to 2011. The total offset payment to the Pacific Carbon Trust was \$369,442.50.

Major initiatives for 2012 that are linked to carbon and energy reductions related to the implementation of recommendations from the campus Integrated Energy Master Plan. They included the university's active involvement in BC Hydro's Continuous Optimization Program that supported energy efficiency improvements with significant paybacks in six campus buildings.

8. Sustainability Update

Various update items were referenced:

- Sustainability Action Teams (SATs)
- Bike to Work Week (BTWW):
 - Next week, May 27-31 on campus
 - Invite everyone to participate
 - Over 30 UVic teams participating so far
 - Celebration stations, BBQ

- Sustainability Staff Award:
 - Presented at ConnectU conference to Ken Josephson of GEOG
- Sustainability Student Award:
 - Presented to Kelsey Mech, UVSS Chair at an event on March 14th that also included a talk by Canadian environmental activist and author Tzeborah Berman. Two other students, Miranda Maslany and Matt Hammer, also received recognition for their outstanding contributions towards campus sustainability.
- Congress 2013:

The Office is working with conference organizers to make this event as sustainable as possible by promoting zero-waste events (including waste reduction and waste diversion) throughout the week, and encouraging delegates to purchase carbon offsets to reduce their carbon footprint related to travel.
- Recycling pilot for office buildings in September:
 - The Office is assisting the Waste Management unit on campus in communications and staff liaison for this project.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
 - UVic's two new electric vehicle charging stations come into operation the week of April 2nd. These level 2 (240 volt), 60 amp stations from Sun Country Highway are available for use by the campus community and guests 24/7 outside the Campus Security Building in parking lot #2.

7. Other Business

- **Community Liaison – Mr. Hughes**
 - Updated terms of reference for the UVic Community Associations Liaison Committee will be reviewed at their upcoming June 20th meeting
 - Cadboro Bay Residents Association have been notified that UVic will be increasing the safety and security of the Queenswood location by installing a vehicle gate to prevent unauthorized vehicle access. There will continue to be pedestrian access and a sign advising of the access conditions.
 - Communications were undertaken with other associations about engagement planning for the Biomass Energy Feasibility Study
 - Gordon Head residents association has new president (Paul McKivett) and new liaison to UVic (Bob Hart).

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

9. Next Meeting: November 5th 2013: 2:00 – 4:00 pm (ASB Boardroom 120)