

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: April 18, 2016 (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)
Administrative Services Building Boardroom 120

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Tony Eder
√	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
√	Carmen Charette	√	Jennifer Vornbrock
√	Katy Mateer	√	Kristi Simpson
R	Catherine Krull		
R	Thomas Tiedje		Other:
√	Andrew Rowe	√	Joanne McGachie
√	Karena Shaw	√	David Perry
R	Bronte Renwick-Shields (UVSS)	√	Neil Connelly
R	Amanda McLaughlin (GSS)	√	Carmen Mailloux
√	Sheryl Karras		
√	Paul Ward		
√	Pete Rose		
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Gorrill welcomed everyone to the meeting. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 07, 2015

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair referred to the fact that some membership appointments expire at the end of June. Members were thanked for their interest and contributions to the Committee, in particular with the efforts that were undertaken over the past year with the Campus Plan update

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Final Campus Plan

Mr. Connelly provided an update on the Campus Plan following its approval by the Board of Governors in January. The final approved Plan was made publically available at www.uvic.ca/campusplanning. Multiple communications channels were engaged to inform the campus and broader community that it had been approved and is now available online.

Mr. Connelly said that there are a number of action items that will move the Plan forward and Committee discussion on implementation priorities is scheduled for the fall of 2016.

Ms. Gorrill commented that the Board of Governors was very complementary following their review of the Campus Plan, and that the Plan positions UVic well for the future.

2. New Service Building for FMGT

Mr. Connelly provided a presentation on a new proposed building for the Facilities Management department (FMGT). The location is behind the Saunders complex, where there are currently two older under-utilized greenhouse structures. These would be replaced with a new shop building that is needed to serve the operational needs of the department, supporting grounds maintenance, vehicle repair, welding, and other activities that are currently located with space constraints in the adjacent older buildings. Mr. Connelly presented maps outlining the site and the building configuration and outlined its relationship to the policies and direction provided in the Campus Plan.

Engagement measures within the 'inform' category of the Engagement Framework will include an update to the UVic - Community Association Liaison Committee and the campus community to let stakeholders and interested parties know that the new structure has been proposed and is scheduled for construction later this year. Building and development approvals will also be obtained from the District of Saanich.

Mr. Proulx said that this expansion is a first phase that moves certain services out of their existing buildings, so that in a second phase those buildings can be expanded and renovated also.

Mr. Rose commented that he appreciated the consideration given to noise abatement and asked if the expansion in space will mean an expansion in services rendered.

Mr. Proulx responded that there is currently insufficient and inefficient use of space and this expansion will allow facilities management staff the appropriate room to work. There are no plans currently to expand the volume of services.

This spring, deconstruction of the greenhouses will begin so that the site can be cleared. The

tender process for the building design and construction will begin in the fall. Communications to the community will occur in June and September. Information will also be added to the Campus Planning website as it becomes available in the future.

The following motion was brought forward:

(Rowe/Karras)

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that: the new service building for the Facilities Management Department be located to the north of the Saunders Building, in the area where the two greenhouse structures are currently located, which are to be removed.

CARRIED.
No opposition.

3. New District Energy Centre Plant

Mr. Connelly provided a presentation on the proposed location for a new District Energy Plant (boiler replacement plant). Numerous options were considered in terms of location and also such factors as district energy system integration, cost considerations, maintenance access, technical and financial risk, expandability and flexibility, sustainability potential, and noise and emissions challenges.

Following an analysis Parking Lot 6 (near the Fine Arts Building and Interfaith Chapel) was proposed and various siting options within Lot 6 were reviewed. The option in the south-west corner of the Lot was found to be most desirable because of its potential for expandability, reduced exposure to public thoroughways and parking, and good service access.

An engagement approach framework with 'inform' and 'consult' elements was also presented to outline the schedule and opportunities to provide information and interact with the public and the District of Oak Bay as the project advances to the design and municipal approval stages.

Ms. Karras asked how tall the structure would be, to which Mr. Proulx responded that it would be 1.5 stories in height, with odorless emissions, and it will have improved sound ratings compared to the existing older energy boilers on campus.

Mr. Rose suggested that given the high profile location that the public uses for access to the Phoenix Theatre and other arts programs, walks to Finnerty Gardens, access the Interfaith Chapel, etc..., that there be great sensitivity to how it fits within the parking lot space and these adjacent activities.

Ms. Vornbrock added that public reaction will, to a large extent, depend on the design of the new structure and what it looks like. She said that it creates an opportunity to think about how it will be integrated into the environment and designed to be inviting and visually pleasing rather than be seen as a structure that does not fit in that part of the campus.

Mr. Proulx remarked that some universities have designed these buildings with lots of glass so that the interesting network of pipes and infrastructure are visible to passers-by and so that they have modern appeal.

Dr. Rowe asked if we will be repurposing the Engineering Lab Wing (ELW) once the boilers are replaced, to which Ms. Gorrill responded that there is currently no funding in the budget for this but we can consider it in the future.

Ms. Gorrill said that the energy plant is a "must-have" for heating, but it also has environmental and sustainability benefits. The project will be submitted for federal funding as part of the recently

announced Strategic Investments Fund it fits the criteria nicely with its attention to greenhouse gas reductions.

The following motion was brought forward:

(Rowe/Karras)

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that: the new district energy system plant be located in the south-west corner of Parking Lot no. 6.

CARRIED.
No opposition.

4. Capital Projects Update

Continuing Studies Addition

Mr. Perry said that the Continuing Studies Addition project is now winding down. The Grand Opening event is scheduled for Thursday April 21st and marks the end to the project. Some minor work will continue to the fall only.

Ms. Gorrill said that they have done a wonderful job with the expansion. Mr. Perry added that students love the new design, especially the atrium space, sunlight, and study areas.

New Student Residence Building

Mr. Perry said that he is working with the project Technical and Steering Committees to finalize the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new student residence building. Three firms have currently been shortlisted. The target schedule is to have the RFP issued in the next few weeks with the top-scoring firm identified by the beginning of July.

In the fall the site planning exercise is scheduled to begin as part of the initial work with the successful consultant team. It will take an estimated one year period to develop a report for the Campus Planning Committee and the Board of Governors.

Ms. Gorrill added that this is exactly the kind of capital project that would warrant borrowing, however the provincial government is not permitting borrowing. As a result the university will not be in position to begin construction until the financing is clarified and arrangements completed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Vornbrock provided some background on herself and her role as she is new to External Relations and the university. She indicated that the Community Association Liaison Committee is scheduled to meet on April 19 to be updated on the proposed future use of the care facility building at Queenswood and its inclusion as a Strategic Investment Fund project. The Liaison Committee had previously met on March 9th as part of the regular dialogue and update on campus initiatives and community issues.

Carbon Neutral Report

Mr. Connelly mentioned that the university's Carbon Neutral Action Report will be due at the end of May and indications are that greenhouse gas emissions, related to buildings, fleet and paper use will be lower again in 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

9. NEXT MEETING: June 6th 2016 at 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., ASB Lobby Boardroom 120.