University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Physical Environment Committee
2008-2009 Annual Report

Members:

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Charter:
Functions/ Responsibilities:

A3.6 Physical Environment Committee

(1) Membership. Twenty-two members as follows: Three elected faculty members, two faculty members appointed by the University Committee, two faculty members appointed by the Chancellor; two students; one academic dean and one administrative officer appointed by the Chancellor; the chairpersons or their designees of the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Faculty Council; four elected members of the academic staff; and ex-officio, the Chancellor, the Provost, the Vice
Chancellor of Administrative Affairs, the Secretary of the University, and one member of the classified staff, appointed by the Chancellor. A faculty member is elected chairperson by the committee.

(Document 2167, 11/19/98; UWM Administration approval, 11/98)
(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98)
(Editorially revised, 8/24/06)

(2) Functions. Makes recommendations for the development of the physical environment of the campus consistent with the mission and with the present and future academic programs of the University.
   a) Recommends a master plan for the development of the campus reflecting priorities in accordance with guidelines established by the committee.
   b) Recommends the location of new buildings, their inter-relationships and aesthetics and their functional and architectural features.
   c) Recommends remodeling needs and identifies desirable or undesirable features relevant to future construction.
   d) Recommends parking and transportation policies.
   e) Recommends appropriate names for buildings pursuant to established guidelines.

(Document 1052, 10/20/77; UWM Administration approval, 11/16/77)
(Document 1619, 5/10/88; UWM Administration approval (9/22/88)

Meetings:

September 10, 2008
September 17, 2008
October 15, 2008
November 19, 2008
December 17, 2008
February 18, 2009
March 18, 2009
April 15, 2009
May 20, 2000

Minutes for each of these meetings may be obtained at:

http://www4.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/pecmail/minutes/index.html

The Physical Environment Committee met nine times during the 2008-09 academic year. At the first meeting on September 10, 2008 Professor Mary K. Madsen was elected Chair of the committee.

Major items considered by the committee during the year included the following items:
1. The phases of the Master Plan were discussed at each meeting. The September 17th meeting acted as a listening and workshop session for the PEC/Transportation sub-committee by HGA/SASAKI-FEHR & PEERS. The April 15th meeting was also dedicated to the Master Plan Consultants.

2. The sustainability plan directed by Kate Nelson was discussed at each meeting. Ruth Williams convened a working group of volunteers. Among discussion points were the role of the PEC in the plan and the possible endorsement of portions of the plan. The Pavilion gateway project was approved by the PEC. The spiral garden plan on Lot 18 was approved by the BOR as was the utility tunnel maintenance and repair plan.

3. Capital budget and campus construction updates were frequently discussed. The capital budget was looking at three biennium. The 07-09 capital budget was in process. The 09-11 budget was in the approval process. The 11-13 budget was in the pre-planning and discussion stage. The New Visitor Center which is located in Vogel Hall is one example of projects that are underway to utilize existing space/resources for new needs.

4. Updates on Chapter 17 (Student non academic disciplinary procedures) and Chapter 18 (Conduct on University Lands) will be effective September 2009.

5. The Transportation Subcommittee of the PEC is the only formal subcommittee at this time. The special transit, UPASS, UPARK, and the parking budget were approved by the PEC. The Campus Naming Subcommittee was approved by the PEC and will be sent to the Faculty Senate to be confirmed in September 2009. The former Landscape Subcommittee will become an administrative committee.

6. Dave Gilbert from the UWM Real Estate Foundation met with the PEC to discuss the plans for additional student housing. The housing plan will include 500 beds and will provide 100 parking spots; it was determined that parking was not a primary concern for students because of availability of mass transit. The concern for maintaining green space for citizens using the Milwaukee River area is also being factored into the design of the structure. In May, Scott Peak provided a PowerPoint slide show which included the River Park and Cambridge Commons plans.

7. The Green Museum will be renovated with a $2M gift. It will become the home of the SAM AND HELEN STAHL Center for Jewish Studies.

8. A classroom update on mediated classrooms and classrooms in general was presented by Dennis Stecker.