Planning & Development Committee Meeting  
February 18, 2003

Present: Lisa Armistead, Al Baumstark, Greg Brack, Kyle Bruner, Tim Crimmins, Paula Eubanks, Martin Fraser, Bonnie Fritz, Peggy Gallagher, Christine Gallant, Mohamed Ghazi, Charlene Hurt, Katherine Johnston, Marcia Pearl, Jeff Rupp, Hazel Scott, Phang Tai, Susan Walcott, Bill Waugh, Carol Winkler, Joe Winter.


Agenda:

1. Approval of 2/18/03 minutes
2. Subcommittee report
   - ASUR Report Comments on "Career & Job Search Services"
   - Fire Safety Subcommittee
     - Fire Violation List
     - GSU Practices
     - Others
3. Facilities
4. Others

The meeting started at apx. 1:05pm. The minutes from 1/21/03 were approved. Phang Tai briefly introduced Lauren Adams' P&D replacement Lisa Armistead from the Department of Psychology.

Tom Netzel began the discussion of the second item on the agenda, the new Joint Subcommittee on MRR. He discussed the groups organizational meeting on Nov. 5th, 2002 and the couple of meetings they've had since. He reminded P&D of the expectations of the group from both P.C. Tai & Katherine Johnston and then went over the report "Criteria for Ranking Major Repair & Rehabilitation Projects FY2004 Budget."

Netzel & the rest of the P&D committee went over the ranking order of the report & the priority given to items on the list, most importantly, funding for those items on the list. Due to the enormous size of the report & the importance of its information, the group spent the majority of the meeting discussing this one item. The overall agreed upon fact of the matter was that there wasn't enough funding to meet what was needed.

   Tom Netzel - "No matter what we do, we get 1-3 billion/yr, but we need 8-10 billion for the next 4-5 years to catch up. The bottom line is that the funds coming from the Board of Regents are woefully inadequate."

Joe Winter asked if the Board of Regents was the only source of funding. Katherine Johnston answered that currently they were, but that the university was seeking other sources also.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report.

Phang Tai thanked Tom Netzel's group on behalf of the committee for doing such a good job, and it was decided that the group should remain in place to continue to refine the procedures and to help look for more sources of funding.
Bonnie Fritz gave her report on Traffic Safety. She discussed how the original subcommittee had an immediate, short-term, and long-term plan. She mentioned that their immediate plan had been approved by the Senate P & D, but that their short & long term plans were not acted on. She explained that those plans were remanded back to the Task Force, so that they could prepare a more comprehensive plan that the University's President could take to the City Council. Because the group was making process but needed more time to complete their goal, the motion was made that the subcommittee would meet and review the progress of the Task Force and then meet with Katherine Johnston and her group and make a report to P&D at some specified time as to what progress was being made. The motion was seconded & passed.

Carol Winkler brought and went over ASUR reports on both the Dept. of Housing and the Dept. of Career & Job Search Services. The reports spoke on, for each group, a unit profile, evaluation of program review, and key observations, then ended with a summary of action recommendations. P & D is supposed to forward any comments.

In regards to Carol's report, Tim Crimmins recommended an ongoing survey of safety be done. Hazel Scott reported that the Housing Dept. (over the Summer semester) instituted a safety audit with an international firm, and that a committee was working within a time-line to implement the safety measures that were recommended. After discussion about Carol's reports ended, a motion was made & passed to commend the group on their good work.

Greg Brack briefly updated the committee on the Fire Safety Subcommittee, and mentioned they were still working on the situation with the gas cylinders, and that they were currently focusing on the problem of behavioral fire violations & repeat offenders. He also expressed concerns about the 'position in line' of items they needed on the MRR List. Katherine Johnston explained (in regards to helping curtail some of the fire violations) that eventually, some sort of quality control would need to be implemented for departments hiring any contractor they wanted to come in and perform any type of work they needed.

Al Baumstark ended the fire safety discussion by saying that more coordination was needed between what needed to be worked on and getting things done, and the meeting ended at apx. 2:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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