Planning & Development Committee
February 19, 2007


Others Attending: Beth Jones, Robert Curry

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes 1-16-07

2. ASUR Reports
   a) Recreation Office
   b) Development Office

3. Approval of the MRRF List (Frank Whittington)

4. Subcommittee Reports

5. Other Issues (Courtland Street Bridge)

AGENDA ITEM #1 - MINUTES

Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:04pm. The following clerical errors were corrected: “Organizational Meeting” was removed from the title, and in paragraph 1, the word “led” was changed to “lead”. The group then motioned in and approved the minutes.

Joan Carson announced her retirement from GSU to begin in September of 2007 and stated she would return in October 2007 as a half-time employee. The group congratulated her on her retirement.
AGENDA ITEM #2 - ASUR REPORTS

ASUR - OFFICE OF VP FOR DEVELOPMENT & DEVELOPMENT SVCS

Joan Carson lead the discussion. “One thing different about this review was that typically when there is a central office as well as functional units to review, we tend to review each functional unit & the central unit(s) separately. In this case, along with the advice of Nancy Peterman, VP of Development, we did them all as one unit, since they work so closely together.”

ASUR - RECREATION SERVICES

Beth Jones lead the discussion. She mentioned that some of the funding sources were missing from budget summary of the review and recommended that they be included in: FUNCO 10 - State money, fringe benefits of $151K, and utility costs of $258K. Joan asked Beth to send her the inclusions and Beth agreed.

Joan Carson then went over the action recommendations of the report and highlighted the opening of the University Commons. She mentioned they were currently looking at the student impact now that more students would be congregating in the downtown area.

Douglas Covey, VP of Student Services

“The Commons will radically change downtown living. Extended hours at the Rec. Ctr. and the Student Center; Police presence . . . due to the fact that the students will have more of a reason to ‘linger’, all of this will be greatly impacted.”

Phang Tai asked Beth if more lighting could be added. She replied, “Yes, if they’re not on city streets. If they are, we have to go through the city. We put together a list of dark areas, then looked at the central student areas and we now have a better picture of where more lighting is needed. I’ve found some ‘flip/flop’ money that could be used for this project. Our goal is to light up the campus.”

Beth mentioned that the total lighting project at the moment was $26,100. Jeff Rupp added that other areas to look at would be the College of Education and the area between the Sports Arena & the Aquatics Center. He mentioned that people would take smoking breaks there and the smoke would flow back through a nearby air intake and pollute the air inside the building.

Beth Jones, Escort Services

“Students want vehicles vs. walking. We tried it for 2 months and it didn’t work.”

Phang Tai suggested more advertising for the project; Christine Gallant mentioned that recently, there was a safety advertisement in the GSU Signal, and that the new escort service might make a good follow up article.
In regards to safety, Phang Tai mentioned the heavy build up of both pedestrian & vehicle traffic on the corners of Decatur Street & Peachtree Center Avenue next to Walter’s Shoe Store. He mentioned that more Police presence was needed between 4pm - 6pm during rush hour.

Afterwards, the ASUR Rec-Svcs report (along with P&D’s noted suggestions) was motioned in and accepted by the committee.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - APPROVAL OF THE MRRF LIST**

Frank Whittington began the Major Repair & Renovations Facilities - MRRF Update by thanking the subcommittee for their hard work in such a short time. He briefly went over the role of the subcommittee explaining to P&D that the subcommittee members weren’t experts in repair, but that they did have a few members that had an ‘arms length’ interest in the areas being served. He mentioned that the group relied heavily on feedback from the GSU Facilities & Management Dept., Physical Plant, and direct faculty & staff directly involved with equipment in question.

He explained that the MRRF list in hand was filtered down from a bigger list of apx. 34 items and 14 million dollars and a smaller secondary list of buildings targeted for demolition for around 6 million dollars. After input and feedback from users, facilities mgt, Deans & VPs, the list was narrowed down to its current member of 16 items at apx. 7 million dollars.

Phang Tai mentioned that 2 more reports usually accompanied these reports: the major & the minor capital lists. However, he mentioned that the new Chancellor might change the structure of these reports and that he’d find out more about their format at a later date.

THE GROUP THEN MOTIONED IN AND APPROVED THE MRRF REPORT.

**AGENDA ITEMS 4 & 5 - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & OTHER ISSUES**

Charlene Hurt announced that the Library would be going through the process of moving more than a million books over the next month and asked the group to get the word out to the faculty & staff to be patient with the process. She also noted that the Library North windows had been dropped from the MRRF list, and asked that the priority of this issue not be overlooked.

“We’re checking with the contractors to see if these windows can be caulked and double-paned. We don’t know what the answer will be yet. However, if this cannot be done, it’s important to note . . . Leaky windows around a facility FULL of expensive books don’t mix.”
Christine Gallant, ADA Subcommittee - “There was a general audit last year. Our committee is the 1st to take these concerns to the Senate, but I’d like to go to the Provost in March to see how to proceed.

In regards to ADA projects, Christine questioned the process of the regulatory MRRF money for 2008, and mentioned that there was some talk that ADA money had been re-directed to Homeland Security. Phang Tai explained that the 2008 regulatory funds were pulled from separate source and Beth Jones replied that she would find out about the re-direction of any funds that might have taken place, but mentioned that if it had been done, full disclosure had to accompany the redirection.

Afterwards, Phang Tai announced the Chinese New Year, the year of the Golden Pig or the Golden Crow and let everyone know it brought Good Luck! He then adjourned the meeting at apx. 1:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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