Planning & Development Committee  
April 23, 2007 - Organizational Meeting

**Present:** J. L. Albert, Pam Barr, Al Baumstark, Brenda Blackwell, Greg Brack, Jennifer Chiovaro, Timothy Crimmins, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, Carol Hanson, Casey Long, Kathryn McClymond, Phillip Mitchem, Yi Pan, Jerry Rackliffe, Jeffrey C. Rupp, Phang C. Tai, Vijay K. Vaishnavi, Frank Whittington.

**Absent:** Elizabeth Beck, Cathy Brack, Janet Burns, Marva Carter, Douglas Covey, William M. Downs, James Emshoff, Mary Finn, William (Bill) Fritz, Terry Grissom, Ron Henry, John Hicks, Charlene S. Hurt, Richard Miller, Robin Morris, George Rainbolt, Bruce Seaman, Roy Sobelson, Carol Winkler, Maryann Wysor.

The Agenda for the 2007 Organizational meeting was as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes 3-20-07
2. Election of the Chair
3. Subcommittee Reports  
   a) MRRF (Budget Committee)  
   b) New Telephone System (Budget Committee, IS&T)  
   c) Campus Safety  
   d) ASUR (FYI)

Before the meeting began, Phang Tai, P&D Chair welcomed both old and new members, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The 19 members present introduced themselves, then the group followed through with the day’s agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 - MINUTES**

Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:06pm. The group then motioned in and approved the minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The group motioned in to re-elect Phang C. Tai as Chair, the motion was quickly seconded and passed.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Before the subcommittee leaders began their reports, Phang Tai briefly went over each subcommittee’s duties and asked the group members to sign up for any subcommittee they were interested in. The results of the subcommittee “sign-ups” were as follows:
**SOME committees are combined with other groups; listed below are from P&D only**

**Budget Priorities (1 of 8)**
J.L. Albert  
Charlene Hurt  
Frank Whittington  
MaryAnn Wysor  

**Joint Subcommittee on Major Renovations & Repairs (MRR) (2 of 8)**
J.L. Albert  
Al Baumstark  
Sandra Garber  
Beth Jones  
Casey Long  
Kathryn McClymond  
Frank Whittington  
Carol Winkler  

**Child Dev. Ctr. Task Force (3 of 8)**
None  

**Campus Access for the Disabled (formerly ADA-504) - FULL (4 of 8)**
Jennifer Chiovaro  
Christine Gallant  
Frank Whittington  
MaryAnn Wysor  

**Faculty/Grad. Asst./Staff OFFICES (5 of 8)**
Timothy Crimmons  
Carol Winkler  
MaryAnn Wysor  

**Campus Safety (6 of 8)**
Elizabeth Beck  
Brenda Blackwell  
Greg Brack  
Beth Jones  
Phillip Mitchem  
Roy Sobelson  

**Fire Safety (7 of 8)**
Greg Brack  
John Hicks  

**Traffic Safety (8 of 8)**
Pam Barr  
Elizabeth Beck  
James Emshoff  
Beth Jones
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**MRRV**

The 1st subcommittee mentioned was the MRRV Subcommittee. Al Baumstark gave praise to that subcommittee saying how efficient they had come to be over the passed couple of years since they began. Phang Tai explained how the subcommittee reviewed funds they oversaw and explained that the group received apx. 4 million dollars a year through the Board of Regents for Major Renovations & Repairs. He also briefly explained how they were now also helping to advise on the repair concerns of the Foundation owned buildings. Tim Crimmins asked whether there was any feedback from the Foundation on matters of “MRRF-Like Lists” mentioned in the March 30, 2007 P&D meeting . . .

(see http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwsen/committees/p_and_d/minutes/2006-2007/07-3-20.pdf)

Phang Tai mentioned that Mark Lawson, University Real Estate Officer couldn’t make today’s meeting, but that he had contacted Tai to touch base. Tai also mentioned to the group that they had well over a year to work with that issue. “The MRRV list will come in around Jan/Feb and by then the Foundation will be ready for the Real Estate Committee.”

**NEW COMMITTEE - RE: THE NEW GSU TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Tim Crimmins - “Who is actually in charge of rolling this out? Is it IS&T? In terms of participation & planning, I don’t get the same impression of readiness as I did with the other things we’ve planned . . . like GoSolar & Banner.”

Sandra Garber explained that there had been some issues with the information being passed out. She mentioned that one of the main issues seemed to be that the information they were getting from the phone company over the system kept changing, and that it was thought better to hold off on giving out conflicting/changing information until something was more solid. Phang Tai also mentioned another major problem being that the phone company installing the phones would be the only company that could fix any problems with the service. Christine highlighted that once the system was in place there would be a minimum 90 day grace period where there would not be any fee for the usage of the system so that any “bugs” could be worked out.

**CAMPUS SAFETY, CHAIRED BY BETH JONES**

Phang Tai briefly went over the origin of the subcommittee and explained that due to the recent Virginia Tech. tragedy and after much understood concerns from the student body, the group just joined up with Student Life Services. He mentioned that because of all of this, the committee would probably grow, and welcomed any newcomers. He announced that the “Lighting Up the Campus” project was going well, but that the Student Escort project was still moving slow, and noted that since it was apparent that students wanted to be driven to their destinations vs. walking, that maybe in the Summer, this would change since the weather would be easier on pedestrian traffic.
Sandra Garber - “I still haven’t seen any advertisement about this. It’s supposed to be an initiative by both students, staff and faculty, and I’ve seen nothing.

Christine Gallant mentioned that in addition to the GSU Signal, the Villager may also need to advertise it.

Phang Tai “At the moment, safety is its main focus, but there’s also traffic safety and other committees that could benefit from its success.”

Al Baumstark mentioned that the perception by students (and some staff) was still that there were not enough police and that some students had even voiced a public opinion of this on camera.

Jerry Rackcliffe explained that the due to the type of campus and security at GSU, a public display of security (equivalent to that of a ‘Bouncer’) wasn’t necessarily the best approach. He explained that the criminal element had a tendency to forewarn each other of officer patrols and that GSU (being in the unique setting that it was in) made better use of undercover policeman to fight the types of crimes present. He mentioned that the use of downtown ambassadors helped aide that perception of safety, and that the combination of the that perception of safety along with the actual real policing methods in place were going well, and always being improved upon when/if needed.

Other Safety & Traffic Issues

Phillip Mitchem asked about ticket revenues. Jerry Rackcliffe explained that traffic & parking ticket revenues went back to the city in the apx. amount of $320K/yr, but that GSU only kept parking tickets ticketed on GSU property.

Phang Tai briefly went over the good work being done by the other safety committees and mentioned to the group that the University did have Emergency and Evacuation plans on-line.

**ASUR**

Phang Tai explained ASUR as being the equivalent to an academic program review committee, but for the administrative units. The list of appointed ASUR members and the units that would be reviewed for the 2007/2008 year were on-line and would be updated in the Fall.
**CAMPUS ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED (FORMERLY ADA-504)**

Christine Gallant headed the discussion on this subcommittee, explaining that section 504 of the ADA applied to campus compliance. She explained how Campus Access was a joint subcommittee with Cultural Diversity. The group’s main challenge at the moment was the areas not in compliance with ADA. Currently the University did not have the funds to handle all of the issues at hand; the subcommittee had some funds, but no official way to apply them. The group was working on putting a central allocation method in place, to handle the current funds in hand.

Tim Crimmins mentioned that the university commissioned a study on ADA compliance, but the report received back did not contain weighted priorities. “*The question now, is how do you take that report and turn it into a form that we can make practical use of?*” Phang Tai replied that maybe this was something that could be helped by the MRR committee?

Frank Whittington, Chair of MRR

“*Usually, I prefer to act now rather than wait for a study, but on this one, I’d like to consult with other Chairs & bring a recommendation back by our September meeting and before the next MRRV list comes out. Perhaps the committees can work together to bring back a set of priorities to help the several committees.*” **THE COMMITTEE AGREED.**

Tim Crimmins mentioned that when the subcommittee’s initial report was presented, it was so overwhelming, it was apparent that needed repairs were financially out of reach, but that the non-compliant areas should definitely be given the highest priority over areas that (for example) just needed upgrades, and that it may be a good idea to categorize the prioritized issues. Jerry Rackcliffe added that the University was within the limit of the law, but not at all where they wanted to be.

Christine did mention, that one project the group was currently working on was campus maps & signage. One of the subcommittee members (a faculty member from physical therapy) will have their students work on mapping out the accessible/in-accessible areas around campus. Christine mentioned that right now the university had no maps of these areas whatsoever. She also mentioned that Wendy Hensel, Asst. Prof, Law (*specializes in disabilities law*) agreed to be a voluntary consultant to the group.

Jennifer Chiovaro new to P&D, and a lecturer in the GSU College of Law, mentioned that she also had experience in that area and could be a source of help if/when needed. Christine & Phang Tai welcomed her support. **This brought the meeting to an end and Phang Tai adjourned the meeting at apx. 1:53pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia K. Woltz, Admin. Coordinator