Planning & Development Committee  
January 15, 2008


Attending:  Beth Jones

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Approval of the 12/17/07 P&D Minutes
2. FY 09 Action Plan; Discussion & Approval - Provost Henry
3. ASUR REPORTS; Construction & Design Report - Pam Barr
4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
   MRRF - Frank Whittington
   Campus Safety - Beth Jones
   Proposal from Disability Initiative Committee - Christine Gallant
5. Other Business

Agenda Item #1

Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:05pm. **The motion was made and seconded to approve the December 17th minutes.** Due to a more updated ASUR Construction & Design report that was ready but not present, the group decided to discuss item#3 ASUR C&D at the next P&D meeting on February 18th.

To allow time for Ron Henry to arrive from a previous engagement to discuss the FY 09 Action Plan, the group then moved on to item#4 on the agenda.
Agenda Item #4 - Subcommittee Reports

MRRF, SUBCOMMITTEE ON MAJOR REPAIR OF RENOVATION OF FACILITIES
Frank Whittington, Subcommittee Chair was not present to discuss the report; Phang Tai and Sandra Garber led the discussion. Tai reminded the group that the report would still need to go through CBSAC before coming back to P&D for final approval. Sandra Garber mentioned that from the list sent over, it was probable that only about 4.5 million would actually be funded. Tai mentioned that the usual deadline to request the prioritized list of funds was around mid-March, and that the P&D could discuss/vote on certain issues (if need be) via email or a special interim meeting.

Jerry Rackliffe explained that the Governor would meet tomorrow (Jan 16th) and then there would be a clearer idea of probable funding.

Brenda Blackwell - “What’s wrong with the Aderhold? That’s a new building!”

Sandra explained that there were complaints about the noisiness of the HVAC system being disruptive to teaching. Also, dampers had to be redesigned so that cold air could not leak through the basement area and disturb the temperature control throughout the building. Also, repairs on the elevators were currently exclusive to one repair company. For safety reasons, this had to be modified so that repairs (if needed) could be responded to quicker.

Casey Long explained the “Toyota Effect” in that thousands of Toyotas were efficiently manufactured each day because all the known issues had been found and perfected; Aderhold on the other hand, was a new type of facility/design and GSU Facilities was still learning from it.

Phang Tai questioned whether the GSURF buildings would run into the same problems as Aderhold. Jerry explained that GSU did have a little more control over those buildings, but that the MRRF monies could only be applied to the buildings that GSU actually had ownership title to.

Jerry explained to the group that GSU actually did not build Aderhold; Aderhold was built by the State and given to the University.

Vijay K. Vaishnavi asked if the University had some control the design. Jerry mentioned they had 1 out of 4 votes on who the architects should be, but other than that, the State funded it, built it, than handed it over.

Christine Gallant - “I realize that repairs & upgrades are important, but there’s a lot of items here that are not ADA-compliant. There are elevators that the disabled need to use that they can not use, which seems to me more important than the Aderhold issues.”

She highlighted that ADA’s actual problems should be given priority over potential problems.

Phang Tai finished the MRRF discussion by mentioning that some of the items discussed could be brought up in the next CBSAC meeting by some of the P&D members who were also on CBSAC. The group then moved on to the next subcommittee report.
**CAMPUS SAFETY**

Beth Jones passed out a map of the campus which highlighted 14 areas where 40 pairs of countdown lights at $3,500/pair were going to be placed. She noted that the city agreed to install the lights if GSU could pay for them. Out of those 14 areas, a traffic report from the GSU Police office showed that the 4 areas with the highest amount of pedestrian traffic were at the corners of Decatur/Park Place, Park Place/Edgewood Avenue, Hurt Plaza/Peachtree Center Avenue, and Courtland/Gilmer. She did, however, mention that as the city installed new cross lights, they were also installing countdowns with them, which proved to be a great help.

**Beth** - “The total costs are $140,000, but the cost of the high pedestrian areas are $59,500. Could P&D consider making a recommendation to FACP for some expenditures for these?”

The group decided that 2 more pairs of lights totaling $7,000 should also be added to the area of Decatur/Peachtree Center Avenue, bringing the total request for expenditures up to $66,500.

Brenda Blackwell asked if upon installation the left-turn-only signals could be set at the end of the light cycle vs. the beginning (see P&D minutes 12-17-07).

**BETH’S MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED.**

Ron Henry arrived at apx 1:20, so the group began the discussion on agenda item #2 FY 09 Action Plan.

Ron gave a brief review of the Action Plan reminding the group that the plan was a recommendation from the Strategic Planning subcommittee and that P&D had the final say on its approval. No one had anything to discuss in regards to the plan. Phang Tai assured the group that input was received from three different meetings, and that there was a strong positive consensus about the plan. **THE ACTION PLAN WAS MOTIONED IN AND ACCEPTED.**

**OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED**

< Phang Tai mentioned that there was concern from students that some automatic swipe doors were taking too long to close, causing safety concerns (especially at night and on weekends). Christine Gallant explained that the time it took the doors to open/close could not be shortened due to ADA compliance.

< Phang Tai asked about the walking escort services, Beth replied that the last time she checked, the service reported a slight increase in requests.

< Brenda Blackwell explained to the group that she’d previously been employed where a classroom shooting occurred and asked, “What are the rules about guns on campus? Given our location, I feel we’re high risk.” Phang Tai told the group about an individual arrested the day before the current meeting that portrayed himself as a student, and who (after the class) turned in a document full of gang symbols and death-threat-like writings. When the individual was searched he had a razor blade hidden inside of a notebook.
With the recent news about the Georgia Legislature discussing the rights of employees being able to keep licensed weapons in their vehicles, the group briefly discussed this issue. Brenda asked whether the university ever made statements to the Legislature in regards to the issue. **Ron Henry** explained that the Board of Regents’ (over the system of schools) would be the party that would discuss any changes the Legislature made to the current rule. **At the current time, guns are not allowed on campus.**

< Tai asked for an update on the “lighting up of the campus” project. **Beth and Jerry** replied that all was going well.

Next, the group discussed the “Proposal to add members of the Disability Initiatives Committee (DIC) to the Major Renovations and Repairs of Facilities Subcommittee (MRRF)”. Christine Gallant presented the proposal to the group. The proposal called for 2 members from DIC to be added to MRRF as *ex officio* members. They would review MRRF’s annual list of projects for repair & renovation and give them a priority ranking according to ADA’s list of priorities. Then, when deciding how to allocate funds to those chosen projects, the list below would be considered in the following order:

1. Priority 1, Accessible Approach/Entrance
2. Priority 2, Access to Goods and Services
3. Priority 3, Access to Rest Rooms
4. Priority 4, Additional Access not required by priorities 1-3. “When amenities such as drinking fountains & public telephones are provided, they should also be accessible to people with disabilities.

The last sentence proposed that any ADA-compliance projects that couldn’t be funded by the smaller Regents’ allocation should be considered by the larger Regents’ allocation that covered all major renovations and repairs on campus.

**Jeff Rupp & Brenda Blackwell** suggested that the last sentence be re-written to clarify the priority rankings between ADA priorities and MRRF priorities. **Ron Henry** suggested that the word *should* (within the sentence) would allow for objections that occurred.

After a more in-depth discussion about how the committee’s ranking systems would/could work together **Phang Tai** reminded the group that the final MRRF report didn’t come out until around September, so there was plenty of time for more discussion on the matter. **In closing, Christine said she would pass all of the suggestions made along to Frank Whittington (DIC Chair) for discussion at the next P&D meeting.**
For the last item of meeting, Phang Tai announced that Ron Henry was calling for an Area Focus Initiative and needed 2 members from P&D. The initiative would start on March 15th and take about 3 weeks to complete. Tai asked members to email him if they would be available, and asked that they try to clear their schedule for the 3 weeks needed. No other major issues were discussed and the meeting was adjourned at apx. 1:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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