Planning & Development Committee
April 20th, 2009

Present: Pam Barr, Al Baumstark, Jennifer Chiovaro, Douglas Covey, Dabney Dixon, Paul Gallimore, Sandra Garber, Robert Harrison, Chris Henrich, Casey Long, George Pierce, D. Mike Raderstorf, George Rainbolt, Jeffrey C. Rupp, Phang C. Tai, Yi Zhao.

Absent: Davis (Greg) Abt (Student Senator), J. L. Albert, Elizabeth Beck, Cathy Brack, Marsha Clarkson, Lacey Enyart, Michael Eriksen, Mary Finn, Christine Gallant, T.J. Hausauer (Student Senator), Ron Henry, Richard Miller, Robin Morris, William Nichols, Jerry Rackliffe, Lesley Reid, Timothy Renick, Bruce Seaman, Nancy Seamans, Mary Shoffner, Roy Sobelson, Ruth Stanford, Andrew Sumner, Vijay K. Vaishnavi, Shelly-Ann Williams, Carol Winkler, Maryann Wysor.

The Agenda was for the meeting was as follows:

1. FYI - P&D Minutes 3/17/09
2. Election of the Chair
3. Subcommittee Reports & Sign-up
   Joint Committee on MRR (Major Renovations & Repair)
   Traffic Safety Subcommittee
   Green Committee
   Any Other Subcommittees
4. Other Issues

Agenda Item #1 - Approval of the Minutes
Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:03pm. Tai welcomed new and returning members to the group then everyone went through introductions. Tai then noted that the minutes to be approved could serve as an “FYI” item for the new members, but that the returning members should decide whether or not to accept them. Al Baumstark, “Call to Question” The members voted on, and then passed the 3/17/09 minutes.

Agenda Item #2 - Election of the Chair
Phang Tai opened the floor for nominations. Al Baumstark re-nominated Phang Tai, the nomination was seconded, and P.C. Tai was re-elected as the 2009/2010 P&D Chair. Afterwards, Tai explained to the members that current meetings for P&D were held on the 3rd alternating Monday then Tuesday of each month, so that it would not consistently conflict with certain teaching schedules. After some brief discussion, the group agreed to continue the current schedule.
ASUR
Starting with the ASUR committee, Chris Henrich explained to the group that he'd just accepted the invite to Chair ASUR, and would be more than happy to continue. ASUR (by appt. only) - [the Administrative Support Unit Review Committee - (a.k.a., ASUR Committee - A committee that reviews the functions of offices/units that provide administrative-support to the University).] - Subcommittees are formed within ASUR to review various departments.

MRR
Phang Tai gave a brief description of the MRR Committee. Sandra Garber agreed to continue as Chair and announced that the Board of Regents recently approved more funding for the committee, making things a lot easier to manage. Al Baumstark praised Sandra for her leadership in the group and mentioned how much “smoother” the committee was running vs. how it had been in the past. Joint Subcommittee on MRR (if MRRF (F = Facilities)) - Joint Subcommittee on MRR Priority - This committee was proposed during the 10/22/02 P&D meeting. The major focus of the Joint Major Renovations & Repairs Subcommittee would be to see that the maintenance and repair needs of the university were being adequately addressed in the budget process.

TRAFFIC SAFETY
Phang Tai gave a quick description of the Traffic Safety Subcommittee and explained its importance, especially with the new Science Building's estimated completion due within the next year.

GREEN COMMITTEE
Sandra Garber & Dabney Dixon explained the Green Committee; currently an Ad Hoc group of various campus employees that had been meeting once a month on Tuesdays at “Starbucks” to discuss environmental “Green” issues that may be effective for/towards the university. She gave background information about the current group members, and mentioned that she talked to President Becker who mentioned the university was working on setting up a campus wide Task Force.

After some discussion, the group agreed that it may be beneficial to keep a subcommittee through P&D to help coordinate ideas along lines with the other committees or to report back to P&D some of the issues at hand, especially where cutting costs were concerned. Dabney mentioned that she'd suggest a fact finding mission for the new subcommittee to find out about other Ad Hoc committees around campus and try to coordinate with those groups.
As Explained by Provost Ron Henry 12/13/04 - “This committee does not have the approval of the University Strategic Plan. You have the recommendation to the University Senate, and you have approval of the Annual Action Plan. You approve the Annual Action Plan; it doesn’t go any further, but the strategic 5 year plan is only a recommendation from here to the Senate.”

George Rainbolt suggested that Phang Tai talk to President Becker about the importance of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee; the current 5 year plan was due to run out in 2010. He explained that with the thousands of fires that the new President would have to put out, Strategic Planning was too important to get lost through the transition.

Phang Tai let the group know that if anyone had any issues that they were concerned about, they should bring them to the attention of P&D, and if needed a subcommittee could be organized to help with the issue. Subcommittee lists were passed around for the committee members to sign up for, then afterwards the meeting was adjourned at apx. 1:25pm.

RESULTS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE “SIGN-UPS” LISTED BELOW

Campus Safety, Beth Jones
Elizabeth Beck, Beth Jones (attending), Phillip Mitchem (attending), George Pierce, Mike Raderstorf, & Roy Sobelson

The Sub. on Campus Access for the Disabled (formerly ADA-504), Susan Easterbrooks
[P&D Reps only] J. L. Albert, Al Baumstark, Jennifer Chiovaro, Christine Gallant, Sandra Garber, Casey Long, Mike Raderstorf, Carol Winkler, Maryann Wysor

DIC - Disability Initiatives Committee, Christine Gallant
Christine Gallant, Casey Long

Green Subcommittee, Sandra Garber
Sandra Garber, Dabney Dixon, Jennifer Chiovaro, Rob Harrison

Joint Subcommittee on MRR, Sandra Garber
Al Baumstark, Sandra Garber, Casey Long, George Pierce, George Rainbolt, Jeffrey Rupp, Ruth Stanford

Traffic Safety Subcommittee, Beth Jones
Pam Barr, Elizabeth Beck, Marsha Clarkson, Elizabeth Jones, Mike Raderstorf

Additional “Sign-ups” or removals may be emailed to lwoltz@gsu.edu