

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Campus Aesthetics and Environmental Concerns 2015-2016

Number of Meetings Held this Year: ____3____

Committee Chair: ____Mathieu Gendreau____

Committee Members: (list here)

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| Mathieu Gendreau | Patrick Crumrine | Mary Salvante |
| Gabriela Hristescu | Scott Morschauser | Jeanine Dowd |
| Keith Brand | Daniel Drutz | Bruce Whitham |
| Daniel Folkinshteyn | Arijit De | Jenna Dickinson |
| Stephen Levine | Kevin Muldoon | Samuel Duren |
| Gabby Lisella | Maria Britt | Anthony Wohlrab |
| Joe Monahan | Anthony Gattone | |

Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

The Committee reviews and recommends proposed changes that affect the aesthetic quality of the campus environment; recommends acceptance or rejection of proposals to the university president; reviews existing aesthetic qualities and recommends needed changes and addresses campus environmental concerns that affect the health and well-being of the university community and/or the natural environment.

Summary of Activities this Year:

The CAEC committee met 3 times.

- The issues before the committee included discussing parking challenges, traffic patterns, campus initiatives such as the new College of Engineering Building, the Rohrer College of Business building, student housing at Holly Pointe Commons, West Campus sports facilities, the Westby Hall refurbishment, the Robinson Hall refurbishment, the Bozorth Hall refurbishment, water management, landscaping, artwork acquisition process, the Ellis St parking lot and the completion of Robinson Circle phase 1.
- The committee was asked to revive the Smoke-Free Campus task force.
- Concerns regarding traffic jams coming out of the parking lot D at Bowe Blvd and dangerous driving parking lots O and O-1 were brought up.
- The committee discusses the addition of bike racks and the possibility to make the campus more bikes friendly.

- The committee expressed the desire to be involved with master plan developments.
- The committee discussed the need to seek input from building users before refurbishment happens.
- The committee discusses the possibility to change the name of the committee.
- The committee was asked to review the charges and objectives of the committee.

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SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

2015-16

SUGGESTIONS:

- The Smoke-Free Campus task force has been revived and will meet in the fall 2016 to research the feasibility of becoming a smoke-free campus.
- The committee suggested adding traffic signs in lots O and O-1 to address chaotic traffic patterns, high speed driving and make the lots safer in general. This is being addressed by facilities.
- Facilities confirmed that a traffic light will be added where Lot D meets Bowe Blvd in the summer of 2016.
- The committee suggested the addition of bike racks especially around buildings where none are present. This is being addressed by facilities.
- The committee suggested to facilities to study the feasibility of making the campus more bike friendly. A study is underway.
- The committee suggested to facilities that faculty would like to be involved with master plan developments. Facilities confirmed their commitment to keep faculty involved through their Dean when a new project is being planned for a specific college. Also the CAEC will be kept informed on new developments. It was determined that master plan decisions are too complex to manage for facilities to include the CAEC in all the decision processes.

- The committee suggested to facilities to seek input from building users before refurbishment happens.
- The committee is still exploring the possibility to change the name of the committee.
- The committee is in the process redefining the committee charges, objectives and setting expectations for the committee. These new charges and objectives will be defined by fall 2016.
- The committee suggested to facilities to fix broken water fountains in Wilson Hall and fix long-standing sink plumbing issues in Robinson Hall. Both issues have been resolved by facilities.
- The committee suggested inviting the Senior VP of Facilities to talk at committee meetings in 2016-2017 to discuss items warrant. The Senior VP of Facilities agreed to do so.