



Meeting Minutes

for

Building and Grounds Committee

10:00am, Thursday, January 26, 2017
Room 153, Cambiar Room, Student Union

Attendees at Meeting: Marie Bashaw, Chair, Mitch Wolff, Stefan Chinov, Dawn Wooley, L. David Mirkin, Mary Holland, Dan Papay, Debbie Whisler, Lukas Wenrick, Travis Doom, David Bukovinsky
Absent: Julie Williams, Jean Denney, Jeremy Mills

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from November 2, 2016 Buildings and Grounds Committee were approved by committee acclimation.

Noise concern with Allyn Hall room 126 and its neighbors

Dr. Winkler brought forth the following concern about the noise in Allyn Hall:

“I write with a concern that I’d like to bring to Building & Grounds’ attention. This concerns Allyn Hall room 126 and its neighbors.

A faculty member complained to me midway through last semester that he was at wits’ end over the noise from the hallway and the adjacent rooms during his class when he taught in Allyn 126. He wanted to be clear that he would teach anywhere, any time of day, except in that room. I offered to find out whether others in the department and the college had the same problem.

I gathered similar complaints from other faculty in my own department and from faculty in two other departments in the College of Liberal Arts. I have personally experienced the problem myself. The gist of these complaints were that Allyn 128 (directly across from the Veterans’ Center), Allyn 126 (immediate adjacent) and Allyn 124 (the third of the three classrooms) all have thin walls, are insufficiently soundproofed, and have so many doors in them that the sound in the hallways and from the adjacent classrooms all bleed into the room. Problems are particularly pronounced when there is high traffic in the hallway or an adjacent classroom is using the audiovisual equipment. Laughter too travels too easily.

I recognize this cannot be fixed with a snap of the fingers, but if B&G is collecting data of this sort it seemed appropriate to provide it to the committee.”

Discussion ensued debating cost of sound proofing vs adding lavalier microphones and speakers to these rooms and signage for the hallway to request people to keep their voices down.

Action: Debbie Whisler will investigate the cost of microphones and speakers for the rooms, and Dan Papay will investigate the possibility of adding signage to the hallway.



Fawcett Hall bench seating for first floor

Would Buildings and Grounds and our Facilities & Planning representative see if it would be possible to add some benches outside of the biology labs on the first floor of Fawcett Hall (127,130,137)? If possible we would like benches similar to what they recently added to the third floor, and I feel we have a great need for them on the first floor.

There is an ongoing issue with students, sometimes in the dozens, congregating and sitting/laying in the hallway outside of the faculty senate office blocking not only the office door but also crowding the only handicap accessible entrance on this side of the building. This issue is somewhat compounded due to the labs being on a staggered time block schedule relative to the standard lecture time blocks, and there is a large incentive for students to be on time since they can get locked out of labs for being too late. This results in students getting out of a standard class and going straight to lab where they congregate in masses in the hall and sit or lay on the floor. (It's sometimes so bad that walking down the hallway is like "having to play hopscotch".)

Discussion ensued, making sure that we are maintaining compliance with ADA regulations for width.

Action: Dan Papay will investigate the possibility of adding benches to the first floor as well.

Laboratory Renovations: \$2million earmarked

The Provost made this remark at January's Senate meeting: (paraphrased)

'The university has received \$2million earmarked for laboratory renovations. The university will work with the Senate Building & Grounds Committee and faculty to prioritize current needs. The Facilities Management reps are probably the ones to ask about it if they haven't already brought it to your attention.'

Dan Papay reminded us that we have \$3,000,000 earmarked for Laboratory renovations. Needs were identified by several members for renovations in Basement of Bio Sci, COSM labs, Clinical Labs. It was decided that all members would go back to their colleges and ask what the greatest needs are for Lab renovation. Then the B&G committee will discuss at February meeting and prioritize the submissions.

Action: Each member constituent will discuss in their department meetings what faculty feel their greatest lab renovation needs are, and will then bring this information back to Feb meeting. Marie Bashaw will also contact the Deans to ask them to poll their faculty as well and submit their findings to B&G for Feb Meeting.

Parking – Concern outside of UH no pedestrian lines in parking lot 7

A faculty member brought forth a concern about the lack of yellow lines for pedestrians to walk out into the parking lot from UH and Student Success Center.

Action: Facilities will see if it is feasible to add yellow pedestrian lines.

Quadrennial Review - committee charge and/or membership

Reviewed. Recognized that we need an ex officio member to sit on Parking subcommittee. Dawn Wooley volunteered.

Action: committee charge and membership are appropriate, no recommended changes. Marie will forward the decision to Bryan Nethers. Closed.



Student Government

Lukas Wenrick reported on the student responses to the survey of what they are really interested in regards to student experience at WSU and areas of interest. Currently we are the worst 4 year school in the state and we are struggling to compete with 2 year schools for student experience.

1. If student amphitheater could have pavement leveled, seating repaired and access back into the building to meet handicap student accessibility the students feel the amphitheater use would increase. Cost would be approximately \$30,000.
2. The students would like a track, this could be used by both the track team (which now practices at a local high school), students, faculty, community members, alumni.
3. Beautification of the tunnels. Could the unused lockers be removed, could additional murals be painted by student groups, specifically could the area off the Rathskellar leading down to the tunnel to med/sci be painted. Why is the Student center Purple? We should use Green and Gold.
4. Seating in the quad area is dismal. Tree ring benches would allow students to hang out and use the quad, improving student experience.
5. Next majority of students surveyed would support an independent recreation facility. They want gymnasium space, 6 Basketball courts, 8 lane 50 meter/diving pool, a place for students to recreate. Currently there is no space for them to do this. Students are looking at adding a fee, a tax, to finance the building of an independent rec center – cost is anticipated to be \$80,000,000
6. Finally, Dining facilities are sub par at best. There is nothing available late evening or on the weekends. 9000 students live within 1 mile of campus. Chartwells is not meeting the student needs with the swipe system. Students would like an all you can eat facility.

Action: Lukas Wenrick will work on other possible ways to propose funding the rec center; Dan Papay will look into the lockers to see if some that are not being used could be removed.

Other

David Bukovinsky brought up the black dust/debris that is coming out of the ventilation system in Rike hall. Dan reported that this is due to the duct work being insulated on the inside, now that the duct's are 20+ years old the air flow is blowing it out into the rooms.

Action: Filters have been added at the point of dispersal and this is trapping the dust/debris. The debris is not asbestos or carcinogenic.

Dawn Wooley brought up lights by ball fields are left on at night when no students are there. Can these be turned off?

Marie Bashaw brought up lights are out by University Blvd near the curve and there is concern about safety related to recent assaults and thefts.

Action: Dan will investigate to see if light bulbs can be changed, and why lights are being left on.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55