



FACILITIES COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES
April 10, 2007, 3:00 p.m.
Center Bldg. Rm. 407

Present: Samuel Burchell, Dawn DeWolf, Sandy Ing-Wiese Bob Mention,
Margaret Robertson, Mike Ruiz, Susan Tatar

Absent: Janet Anderson, Rob Dow, Robin Geyer, Glenn Goss, Patrick Lanning
Cathy Lindsley, Stephen Pruch

1. Agree on Agenda

Approved.

2. Approve Minutes

Minutes for March 13 were approved.

3. Announcements

Dawn DeWolf announced she will serve on the ADA 504 Compliance Committee.

Sandy Ing-Wiese commented that although the art display was wonderful, planning was not good with both Disability Services and Public Safety not aware of the plan for placement. The committee had a short discussion on the proper procedure and educating the campus community about why there are procedures.

Margaret reported on her visits to the Student Affairs Council for discussions on the Long-Range Strategic Campus Plan. Some of their ideas were:

- The student voice is important on facility planning
- Accessibility is important
- Objects and items used should be culturally inclusive and strive to not exclude particular groups. Examples the FC discussed were the wayfinding system, flags in Bldg. 1, and Longhouse.

The committee discussed the difficulty in getting a broad range of student input but agreed it was still important to get student involvement and consensus. Sam pointed out that students tend to meet in smaller groups and bring back information and issues to larger groups.

4. Accessibility

Margaret handed out "The Principles of Universal Design" from the Center for Universal Design, North Carolina State University. Margaret suggested that the FC consider what accessibility means and what the FC should say about it. Dawn said the accessibility issue should be as visible as sustainability and not omitted from any plan. She commented that they should be considered equally: for example a lighting design to save energy may not provide adequate lighting to accommodate people with vision impairments. Mike commented that we have made a big effort to make sustainability prominent in every project, and have sustainability watchdogs; he noted that accessibility hasn't become as important and that we don't yet have accessibility watchdogs at the same level. The committee discussed lack of funding, staff priorities and attitude as barriers to implementing adequate changes or improvements. Margaret suggested

incorporating accessibility into the FC design guidelines. Bob commented that a design review group could assess how the design meets guidelines.

5. Solar Energy Master Plan

A copy of the Solar Energy Master Plan dated 3/08/07 from Anna Scott, Energy Analyst, was distributed for the committee's information. Mike Ruiz gave a brief explanation of how Anna works with the Energy Management program, the energy plan and funding.

6. Suggested Agenda Items

Margaret reported that the design guidelines group has been working and should have a preliminary report for the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting

April 24, 2007, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Center 407

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Design Guidelines Subgroup met 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Susan Tatar