

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: May 15th, 2020 (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)
Michael Williams Building Boardroom 120

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair		Ron Proulx
	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair		Jennifer Vornbrock
	Lisa Kalynchuk	R	
	Andrew Rowe		Other:
	Ann Stahl		James Pepler
	Jeffrey Bruton		Lorne Mack
	Sheryl Karras		Mike Wilson
	Peter Wild		Melanie Groves
	Lesley Patten		
R	Sarina de Havelyn		Guests:
			Susan Kerr
			Scott Kingham
= In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 14, 2019

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. Gorrill welcomed the new committee members and thanked Ms. Karras for her eight years of service on the committee. She also commended those working on campus projects throughout the difficult times imposed by Covid-19.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Engineering/Computer Science Building Expansion Schematic Design

Presentation by Mike Wilson

- Mr. Wilson began by expressing that the Engineering/Computer Science (ECS) building expansion is a top priority in UVic's Capital Plan. He then moved through information about the planning processes, dialogues, and engagement activities that helped create the design, and resulted in making it a six storey building with a separate High Bay Structures Lab.
- Mr. Wilson spoke to the themes of the project including the desire to avoid impact on the surrounding Cunningham woods, expanding fire and emergency accesses, and space for loading materials. He showed photos of the landscape plan, talked about parking solutions, and the cycling and pedestrian improvements.
- The project will require the removal of 80 trees with a total of 240 new trees being planted in locations in and around campus. The large sequoia tree adjacent to ECS is able to be retained.
- Mr. Wilson then spoke about the design style and massing of both the ECS building and the High Bay Structures Lab, going through the floorplans and highlighting sustainability strategies and parking strategies.
- Despite the impact of Covid-19, community engagement for the project has maintained pace with over 700 individuals engaged through online formats, surveys, and visioning workshops.
- Next steps for the project is to submit it for provincial government funding.
- Mr. Wild asked if the project could be renamed to include Computer Science and drop Precinct in an effort to be more interdisciplinary.

Recommendation:

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Dining schedule for the summer continues with the deconstruction of 3 buildings and construction of the modular dining trailers. He showed renderings of the spaces and explained the scope of the modular dining facility. It will be open and ready for September 2020.

- Mr. Mack applauded the work done on the seismic upgrades and how minimal a disruption they have been to the academic calendar throughout the six phases. He explained the opportunities that arose including upgrades to other classrooms, science and computer labs. These projects came in on budget.
- The Student Health and Wellness project will incorporate healing and nature themes. Mr. Mack talked about the evacuation of ONC from the space, the combining of two distinct health programs, and the shared waiting room. The project should be move-in ready by July 2020.
- Mr. Mack then spoke to the improvement to the Cycling Pathways, possible provincial grants, enhancements, and scope. Questions arose about the cost of the project with lighting and construction costs largely being the cause.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Vornbrock talked about community relations and engagement with regard to the response to COVID-19 and emergency operations. She spoke to managing the requests about bringing activity on campus, and utilizing campus spaces. Ms. Vornbrock also talked about keeping local community and mayors and council up to speed on UVic projects, and about taking a principled approach on how UVic supports and works with community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

9. NEXT MEETING: TBD