

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of Meeting: December 7, 2015 (9:00 am – 10:30 am)
Administrative Services Building Boardroom 120**

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair		Ron Proulx
	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair		Tony Eder
R	David Castle	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
	Carmen Charette		Alison Noble
	Katy Mateer		Kristi Simpson
	Catherine Krull		
	Thomas Tiedje		Other:
R	Andrew Rowe		Joanne McGachie
	Karena Shaw	R	David Perry
	Bronte Renwick-Shields (UVSS)		Neil Connelly
	Katrina Sanders (GSS)		Carmen Mailloux
	Sheryl Karras	R	Jim DunsdoP04 -0 0 DunsdoC259 >>BD

No business arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

Final Campus Plan

Neil Connelly indicated that over the last few weeks work has been undertaken to finalize the Campus Plan and incorporate the feedback received from the Committee. Antonio will speak to the final Plan as circulated to the Committee.

Antonio Gomez-Palacio provided a presentation where he reviewed the process, the vision, principles, big moves, revisions to the Oct 14 draft, implementation strategy, and next steps. His notes included:

- We designed a three phase program and we are now at the end stages. Everyone has had an opportunity to review the draft Plan and provide comments throughout the process.
- Vision: This needs to be at the forefront of every presentation of the CPC because it is very easy to lose sight of the reason why we undertook the process, and also allows us to measure everything we do against the vision. Prevents us from going off track and making incremental decisions that are misaligned with it.
- Principles: Academic priorities are at the forefront of the Plan, and development decisions will give priority to the academic, teaching, and research needs of the university.
 - A vibrant campus encourages the establishment of destinations, uses, and services to create an active, healthy, vibrant, 24/7 campus. How we move ahead without first set of investments in the campus, like the new residence, it will be important that we reflect this principle.
 - Maintaining a positive relationship with the campus and broader community
 - Natural areas are a topic that arose a lot of passion among stakeholders and the campus plan is positioned to reflect this.
 - Open space system is one of the hallmarks of the plan, and is an important way that the identity of the campus is captured.
 - Compact growth manages development carefully, seeking to develop a campus that encourages synergies and an efficient use of land. There was a lot of support for this.
 - Sustainable buildings and facilities demonstrate the university's commitment to sustainable practices and positive relationships with open spaces surrounding the buildings.
 - Spirit of place enhances social interaction on a scale that is friendly to people on foot, recognizes First Nation history and presence, and preserves the unique Pacific Rim island character of the campus.
 - Movement and accessibility – the university is committed to prioritizing pedestrian movement, making walking or wheelchair use convenient, and everyone buys into this. The challenge is in how this is implemented, etc.

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made. (grammar, etc...).

Dr. Kuehne asked if we could pause and consider whether there are any questions or comments from the Committee for Antonio.

Mr. Connelly noted that there is a Centre for Forest Biology research compound on the Cedar Hill corner which was not previously shown in this area, and it is important because it reflects the fact that there is use of this site now that is directly tied to our academic mission.

Dr. Kuehne confirmed that the Committee was comfortable with small edits being made to the Plan after its approval today.

Ms. Gorrill reminded the Committee that at the last meeting there was discussion that the Implementation section of the plan not drive specific actions but rather highlight key areas, and so this means there is more work for the Committee.

Ms. Charette said that from a communications perspective, should we consider the implementation section to be items that all need to be done in the next 10 years?

Ms. Simpson noted that it is a long term vision with components that will extend beyond 10 years.

Mr. Gomez-Palacio said as part of our communications we will need to think about how we communicate when we deliver on different aspects of the Plan. He noted that it is important to focus on milestones rather than number of years (i.e. if there were undertakings tied to say, student enrolment, then the specific timing does not need to be defined and it allows the plan to be based on need).

Ms. Charette suggested that we remove the words “next several years” so that the living-document aspect is the focus rather than the timing. Committee members agreed.

Dr. Tiedge said it is important that we don't convey that there is funding and focus on landscaping and aesthetics when academic building development is badly needed but can't start without substantial budgetary and donor-based activity.

Ms. Gorrill said there is nothing in the Implementation section that covers communication. The Committee agreed that it should be added under item #18, Monitoring and Progress Reports.

After the discussion, the following motion was proposed:

(Karras / Shaw)

THAT the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President that the final Campus Plan, be adopted.

CARRIED

No opposition.

Next Steps

Dr. Kuehne thanked Ms. Simpson for her excellent leadership and she also thanked Mr. Connelly for his efforts to ensure deep engagement. She then thanked the Steering Committee members for the detailed work they undertook since the fall of 2014. She also extended a special thank-you to Antonio and the team at Dialog for the way that they have worked with the CPC and with everyone that needed to be engaged on the project.

so dedicated and for their patience throughout the last 15 months.

Ms. Gorrill thanked Ruth Young, Tom Downie, Jim Dunsdon and Joel Lynn – people we sought additional advice and insight on for specific aspects of the Plan.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

8. NEXT MEETING: April 18 2016, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., ASB Lobby Boardroom 120.