Council on Campus Planning and Usage

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2011

Attending: Miriam Satern, Eric Ribbens, Dana Lindemann, Linda Zellmer, Jacob Woodworth, Scott Coker

The Committee welcomed Jacob Woodworth as the student representative to CCPU.

Linda Zellmer informed the Council about the removal of the stop signs at Adams and Normal Streets. This will make it more difficult for people who drive down Normal to get into traffic on Adams. It also poses a hazard for the people in the neighborhoods who try to cross the street, either to get the bus or to walk to and from homes in the neighborhood. Linda will draft a letter to send to the City Council to express the safety concerns for students/pedestrians crossing Adams Street at that intersection, suggesting that a crosswalk be painted on the street at this intersection to help pedestrians cross Adams Street.

Linda Zellmer also reported on the discussion about the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>) that was held at the Sustainability Committee meeting. WIU has not signed onto the commitment and does not have funds to hire someone to perform the studies needed to sign onto the Commitment.

The Space Allocation Policies that were sent by Scott Coker on December 10, 2010 were reviewed. Scott also shared copies of space allocation forms that were used in the 90's and the policy on space allocation from the Faculty Handbook. The Committee decided that they would develop a Frequently Asked Questions page for the web site to provide information about space use and planning matters. Each committee member will develop 2-3 questions for the list, which will be accessed through a link from the Faculty Senate website once completed and approved by the Faculty Senate. The committee will begin to develop "answers" to the questions at the next meeting. We should submit a draft of the FAQ "page" to Dennis DeVolder before submitting the final draft to the Faculty Senate at the end of the academic year. Dana Lindeman offered to develop a "Google doc" and "invite" all members of the committee to enter their questions on the document before the next meeting. The "Google doc" will prevent duplication of questions, thereby increasing the variety of questions to be included on the FAQ page.

Miriam Satern stated that she would develop a draft of an e-mail addressed to Ken Hawkinson and will send the draft to committee members to provide feedback. The e-mail will be addressed to Ken Hawkinson on behalf of CCPU (and the faculty) and include an offer to "help" provide input for facility improvements aligned with academic/classroom usage that may result from the bond money Western received for spring semester.

Scott Coker announced that the next meeting of the Master Plan Implementation Team (MPIT) is February 15. The committee was encouraged to send him concerns that he could raise at the meeting on behalf of CCPU.

Eric Ribbens presented a written Landscape Report. Committee members that were absent and Dennis DeVolder were sent a paper copy of the report. Among the issues Eric presented in the report were mud and exposed dirt, sidewalk flooding, trees and shrubs, diversity and the need to plant representative Illinois species, Bus Stop safety, the need for trees and shrubs and trails in the Master Plan, and Physical Plant projects.

Recorder: Linda Zellmer (for Rafael Obregon)