



June 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Christine Taylor Thompson, Planning Associate
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Subject: **Record** of the May 20, 2009 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Gregg Lobisser (Chair), Scot Coltrane, Carole Daly, Tom Driscoll, Frances Dyke, Kohlton Kauffman, Roger Kerrigan, Sean Landry, Kevin Nute, Molly Promes, Chris Ramey, Collin Schless, Molly Sirois, Donald Swain, Rob Thallon

Staff: Christine Taylor Thompson (Campus Planning and Real Estate)

Guests: Martina Bill (CPRE), Amy Cacan (Facilities Services), Kingston Heath (Historic Preservation)

Agenda:

1. Campus Planning Committee - Chair Election

Background: Staff said the chair is elected annually and will begin his/her term in the fall once the 2009-2010 CPC membership has been appointed.

Discussion: The chair asked committee members for nominations for 2009-2010 CPC chair. A member nominated current, Gregg Lobisser, to serve a second year.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously to elect Gregg Lobisser as chair of the 2009-2010 CPC.

2. Diversity *Campus Plan* Amendments – Public Hearing and Action

Background: Staff introduced the proposed *Campus Plan* amendments addressing diversity as described in the meeting mailing. She reviewed the amendment process and summarized the steps taken to date. The proposed *Campus Plan* amendments

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incorporates suggestions and comments from the DPIT Subcommittee and other interested parties.

Martina Bill from Campus Planning and Real Estate reviewed the proposed diversity amendments as described in the meeting mailing.

Public Hearing: The chair opened the public hearing. No one commented. The committee chair closed the public hearing.

Discussion: Members discussed the proposed amendment to the user group definition. A member suggested amending the end of the new sentence to say “to the greatest degree possible.” Adding the word “greatest” makes the sentence a more affirmative statement of support. Other members supported the idea.

Staff confirmed that the proposed user group amendment is not intended to add a new user group member. The goal is to thoughtfully consider options to increase diversity when selecting required group members.

Members discussed ways to clarify the intent of the pattern’s introductory “statement.” At a minimum, members agreed that it would be helpful to remove the comma.

Members discussed the merits of adding more specific language to the pattern to ensure the *Campus Plan’s* intent is not watered down by vague language. One suggestion was to include a definition of diversity. DPIT Subcommittee members and staff summarized the DPIT subcommittee’s prior decision to remove the definition of diversity from the pattern text. An earlier draft version included a diversity definition taken from the UO Diversity Plan. It led to complications, however, because the definition did not encompass all relevant physical design factors (e.g., family status and age). The DPIT Subcommittee decided that it was not appropriate or helpful for the *Campus Plan* to define diversity. While it is helpful to be specific any specific definition might limit future application.

CPC members considered adding a reference to the UO Diversity Plan and possibly Affirmative Action requirements. Staff and members said the most important consequence of the proposed new pattern would be that all design teams and user groups would be required to have a discussion about diversity. Such a discussion would help determine how best to allow unrestricted access and full involvement on a project-by-project basis.

A member questioned whether diversity should be addressed in a pattern or elsewhere in the *Campus Plan*. Diversity is a broad concept not directly related to design elements and creating a new pattern may open the door to a series of new patterns addressing every other subject. Other members said a new pattern is appropriate because addressing diversity is very important and it applies to all projects.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the president that the *Campus Plan* amendments related to diversity be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Add “to the greatest degree possible” to the end of the new sentence in the user group definition.
2. Remove the comma from the new pattern’s introductory “statement” to clarify it’s intent.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

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