

PFC April 19, 2001

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 19, 2001

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Regents Room

Present: Pam Griffin, Steve Hilyard, John King, Bob Krumwiede, David Mohrman, Mark Nierengarten, Dick Ojakangas, Steve Rubinfeld, John Schwetman, Jim Shearer
Absent: Mike Miller, Neale Roth Excused: Colleen Dennie, Mark Liske

Minutes of the March 8, 2001 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Policy on Commercial Signage: John King and Bob Krumwiede sent a follow-up letter to Jeff Romano. ITSS has identified commercial e-mail ads as an issue that should also be considered in setting a broad policy.

New Business

UMD Campus Master Plan Update 2000 was handed out. There are limited numbers of copies, so this copy is for members¹ use while they serve on the Physical Facilities Committee. At the end of their terms, committee members should return their copies to the Finance and Operations office so they can be redistributed to new committee members.

Building Naming: A proposal to name the new fleet and grounds building after Robert Bridges (former Vice Provost for Business Affairs at UMD) was reviewed. This committee's role in the process is to review the application and determine if it is complete and appropriate for the guidelines. The most relevant criterion is that the person has achieved prominence in a field of endeavor. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the committee's role in the process, whether a person should be honored by a building name when there is no benefit to the University, what constitutes prominence in a field of endeavor, and the appropriateness of this particular naming request. The committee felt that naming proposals should be developed in a way to explicitly address the criteria to clearly show that the guidelines have been met.

A motion was made stating that the committee has reviewed the nomination packet and gives its recommendation for acceptance. This motion passed but was not unanimous.

A second motion passed to develop a letter to Chancellor Martin expressing concern about the building naming process. A draft letter will be circulated to committee members by e-mail. The committee would be willing to provide suggestions about possible changes in the process. One desired change is the ability of the committee to review proposals based on their merits rather than just on procedure. Another preference is that nomination packets contain additional supporting material that would help the committee as well as the Chancellor in making decisions

about the appropriateness of a naming request. For instance, a cover letter might integrate information from nomination letters and outline exactly how the proposal meets guidelines.

The next meeting will be determined based on members' fall semester schedules.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Greene

Handouts: Agenda, Proposal and Recommendation to name the new Fleet Services and Grounds Maintenance Building (sent to all members in advance of the meeting), UMD Campus Master Plan Update 2000 (sent to absent members on 5-3-01).

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