

Facilities Subcommittee
November 13 2018, Mtg #3
Approved : December 11, 2018

Attendees: Chris Stevens, Tom Muehlenbeck-Pfotenhauer, Loren Erickson, Sam Kelly, Lisa Norr, Lori Melton, David Herrera, Craig Maly, Ian Pannkuk, Mindy Granley, Gail Kehoe, Pat Keenan, Laurie Fosnacht, Pam Merzwski (staff support)

Excused: Kent Brorson, John Rashid, Lori Davis, Dana Lindaman

Absent: Erick Swanson

Call to Order

Chris Stevens called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of the October 16, 2018, meeting minutes

Action: A motion was made by Sam Kelly to approve the minutes and seconded by David Herrera.

The motion met with unanimous approval.

HCAMS Walk Through

Prior to our tour, there was a discussion on the construction and sustainability focus of the new building. Mindy will send B3/green information to Pam to include. Chris then provided a tour of the new facility.

Signage Standards Approval

Chris reiterated that this committee has been asked to recommend a standard style of signage to be used on campus. An acrylic sign with silver posts has been proposed. The purpose of this is to ensure uniformity across campus. Content can be determined by the department in conjunction with the University Marketing and Public Relations office. Size will be dependent on need and available space. In addition to Pharmacy, who have had signage up for years, there are currently three departments using this style: Applied Human Sciences, LSBE, and Admissions. As a reference, the target audience of each of these three are current or prospective students. The cost would be covered by the department. This standard will not apply to department space and only applies to inside signage; outdoor signage is a totally separate issue.

Action: A motion was made by David Herrera to approve the signage standard as described as an acrylic sign with silver posts and was seconded by Ian Pannkuk.

The motion met with unanimous approval.

Project Updates

Ordean Court

Eric Freberg of Facilities will join us at our December meeting to update us on the status of this project. He will share pictures/plans.

Housing/Dining Center

We will move this to our February meeting, when we will be looking at renderings/plans.

Ice Rink

We will receive an update the progress of this at our February meeting.

New Business:

Bee Habitat on campus

David presented information on bee habitat on campus. He reported that, since the pollinator pledge was approved last year, this would be the next step to create a healthy bee habitat on campus. He highlighted several ideas on how to do this and discussed the many benefits, both ecologically and educationally. David's goal is to create 4-5 bee habitats on campus near native plants. Questions were brought up regarding the cost of development and maintenance and the potential for liability issues. We will invite Shane from Facilities to attend a meeting and possibly also invite someone from the Biology department. One suggestion is to create a test location to pilot it.

Action: A motion was made by David Herrera to table the discussion and was seconded by Ian Pannkuk.

The motion met with unanimous approval.

Bat Habitat on campus

David presented data on the benefits of a healthy bat population. We currently have three water areas on campus and he would like to build 1-2 bat houses near each water body. One main goal of this project is to combat vector borne diseases. Some concerns: bats carry rabies, but it really is a low concern. Also, the bat houses would require monthly maintenance. We would want to look for a stakeholder on campus willing to partner on this. Please read the document that David shared (in Google docs and emailed) and we will continue our discussion.

Action: A motion to adjourn was made by David Herrera and seconded by Lori Melton at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Merzwski