

**UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**

**CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)  
Michael Williams Building Boardroom 120**

<b>Membership</b>			
	<b>Voting:</b>		<b>Ex-Officio:</b>
R	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Jennifer Vornbrock
√	Lisa Kalynchuk	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
√	Chris Horbachewski	√	Kristi Simpson
√	Susan Lewis	√	Tony Eder
√	Saul Klein		
√	Andrew Rowe		<b>Other:</b>
√	Ann Stahl	√	James Pepler
√	Jeffrey Bruton	√	Lorne Mack
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Mike Wilson
√	Peter Wild	√	Melanie Groves
√	Lesley Patten		
R	Sarina de Havelyn		<b>Guests:</b>
		√	Susan Kerr
		√	Scott Kingham
√ = In Attendance    R = Regrets Noted			

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 14, 2019**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

Ms. Gorrill welcomed the new committee members and thanked Ms. Karras for her eight years of service on the committee. She also commended those working on campus projects throughout the difficult times imposed by Covid-19.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No business arising from the minutes.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

## 6. REGULAR BUSINESS

### a. Engineering/Computer Science Building Expansion Schematic Design

Presentation by Mike Wilson

- Mr. Wilson began by expressing that the Engineering/Computer Science (ECS) building expansion is a top priority in UVic's Capital Plan. He then moved through information about the planning processes, dialogues, and engagement activities that helped create the design, and resulted in making it a six storey building with a separate High Bay Structures Lab.
- Mr. Wilson spoke to the themes of the project including the desire to avoid impact on the surrounding Cunningham woods, expanding fire and emergency accesses, and space for loading materials. He showed photos of the landscape plan, talked about parking solutions, and the cycling and pedestrian improvements.
- The project will require the removal of 80 trees with a total of 240 new trees being planted in locations in and around campus. The large sequoia tree adjacent to ECS is able to be retained.
- Mr. Wilson then spoke about the design style and massing of both the ECS building and the High Bay Structures Lab, going through the floorplans and highlighting sustainability strategies and parking strategies.
- Despite the impact of Covid-19, community engagement for the project has maintained pace with over 700 individuals engaged through online formats, surveys, and visioning workshops.
- Next steps for the project is to submit it for provincial government funding.
- Mr. Wild asked if the project could be renamed to include Computer Science and drop Precinct in an effort to be more interdisciplinary.

Recommendation:

*That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Schematic Design for the Engineering/Computer Science Buildings Expansion be approved.*

Moved: Peter Wild  
Seconded: Ann Stahl  
**CARRIED**

### b. Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System – 2020 Submission

Verbal update by Mike Wilson and Susan Kerr

- Mr. Wilson quickly explained UVic's relationship with the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). He highlighted points of distinction from the Strategic Framework, Cycling Plan, and Joint degree program in Canadian Common Law Indigenous Legal Orders, along with the categories of improvement since the 2017 submission.
- Mr. Wilson and Ms. Kerr spoke to the 2023 submission, where UVic can improve, and went through the categories. The hope is to reach platinum, which is a score of 85 or more and UVic currently stands at 81. Ms. Simpson added that there are only 6 platinum rankings in Canada.
- Questions on STARS included UVic's rankings and how they compared to other Canadian universities, and how they excel. There was a discussion about how the STARS ranking affected other ratings and rankings. Dr. Kalynchuk added that a good score is used to make cases for other submissions.

### c. Capital Projects Update

Presentation by Lorne Mack

- Mr. Mack presented on all the ongoing and future capital projects at UVic. The Student Housing &

Dining schedule for the summer continues with the deconstruction of 3 buildings and construction of the modular dining trailers. He showed renderings of the spaces and explained the scope of the modular dining facility. It will be open and ready for September 2020.

- Mr. Mack applauded the work done on the seismic upgrades and how minimal a disruption they have been to the academic calendar throughout the six phases. He explained the opportunities that arose including upgrades to other classrooms, science and computer labs. These projects came in on budget.
- The Student Health and Wellness project will incorporate healing and nature themes. Mr. Mack talked about the evacuation of ONC from the space, the combining of two distinct health programs, and the shared waiting room. The project should be move-in ready by July 2020.
- Mr. Mack then spoke to the improvement to the Cycling Pathways, possible provincial grants, enhancements, and scope. Questions arose about the cost of the project with lighting and construction costs largely being the cause.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### Community Liaison Report

Ms. Vornbrock talked about community relations and engagement with regard to the response to COVID-19 and emergency operations. She spoke to managing the requests about bringing activity on campus, and utilizing campus spaces. Ms. Vornbrock also talked about keeping local community and mayors and council up to speed on UVic projects, and about taking a principled approach on how UVic supports and works with community.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

## **9. NEXT MEETING: TBD**