

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of Meeting: November 14, 2019 (10:00 am – 11:30 pm)
Michael Williams Building Boardroom 120**

Membership			
	Voting:		Ex-Officio:
√	Valerie Kuehne, Co-Chair	√	Ron Proulx
√	Gayle Gorrill, Co-Chair	√	Lindsay Gagel
R	Lisa Kalynchuk	R	Bruce Kilpatrick
√	Carmen Charette	√	Julie Potter
√	Susan Lewis	√	Kristi Simpson
√	Saul Klein		
√	Andrew Rowe		Other:
√	Rosaline Canessa	√	James Pepler
√	Jeffrey Bruton (GSS)	√	David Perry
√	Sheryl Karras	√	Mike Wilson
R	Michael Hawkshaw	√	Melanie Groves
R	Lesley Patten		
√	Efe Türker (UVSS)		Guests:
√	Peter Wild	√	Susan Kerr
		√	Darryl Johnson
		√	Eleri Davies
√ = In Attendance R = Regrets Noted			

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 17, 2019

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. Gorrill expressed her excitement about the Fraser Building expansion and the developments made toward the plans of the Campus Greenway.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Fraser Building Expansion – Siting Building & Program

Presentation by Mike Wilson and Susan Kerr

- Mr. Wilson provided the committee with information and analysis on the allocation of a site for the development of an addition to the Fraser Building. He explained the site principles and how the project fit within the Campus Plan. Tree management, replacement, and a restoration of natural areas were discussed as a focus from stakeholder consultations and open houses. Mr. Wilson stated that there are more community engagement events to come for this project. The next step will be for the university to engage an architect to develop the schematic design and engage with university stakeholders.
- Questions arose about obtaining the Development Variance Permit for the project. Mr. Wilson assured the group that they are working well with the District of Oak Bay on that front.
- Dr. Canessa inquired about the project's new classroom spaces to which Mr. Johnson provided a detailed list of all the spaces, including ceremony spaces, traditional classroom spaces, and a large 150 person lecture theatre, many of which will include an active learning environment through furniture and proximity to nature.

The following recommendations were combined into one vote:

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the proposed site for the Fraser Building Expansion be approved.

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Functional Program for the Fraser Building Expansion be approved.

Moved: Saul Klein
Seconded: Susan Lewis
CARRIED

b. Campus Greenway Landscape Plan and Design Guidelines

Presentation by Mike Wilson and Eleri Davies

- Ms. Davies walked the committee through the planning process phases of the Campus Greenway Landscape Plan which included the site analysis, draft landscape plan, final landscape plan, and design guidelines. She then explained the planning framework of the project which was developed through a series of guiding principles, big ideas that provided clear priorities, an organizational framework, and a toolkit that spoke to certain design elements. Ms. Davies then laid out the community engagement summary from around 500 students, staff, faculty, and community members.
- Mr. Wilson elaborated on the organizational framework, specifically on the new pathways for cyclists on the western greenway, improved seating, health and longevity of the surrounding trees, and pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- A discussion surrounding pedestrian and vehicle movement and third-party service providers took place. Committee members talked about the options surrounding restricting vehicle access to wider sections of the quad, the types of grounds vehicles that would be permitted, types of stop conditions like bollards, rumble pads, speed limit flashers, and raised crosswalks. Members agreed that the campus interior should have less vehicular traffic, but that any changes to movement or access within the quad or campus core would require a rigorous and proactive communication plan.
- Questions about the health of the oak trees came up, and Mr. Wilson explained that most were in good health, although a couple would be considered stressed.

Recommendation:

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Campus Greenway

Moved: Jeffrey Bruton
Seconded: Andrew Rowe
CARRIED

c. Sustainability Action Plan: Campus Operations 2014-2019 Final Report & Next Steps
Presentation by Mike Wilson and Susan Kerr

- Mr. Wilson began by explaining the function of the plan, as a guiding document that allows community members to be involved in creating a more sustainable campus. He spoke to the process for review and renewal, and explained the function of the goal indicators within the reports. Moving forward, they will be developing a new Sustainability Action Plan with an interim plan for 2019-2020.
- Dr. Kuehne and Dr. Lewis added that the new plans will be expanding from operational functions to areas of research through feedback and coordination from faculties, exploring strengths, gaps, and opportunities to coordinate in a stronger way.
- Mr. Wilson spoke to the engagement from the campus community on the plan, the new programs, and how they worked with campus partners. Campus engagement remains crucial in developing these plans.
- Moving forward, Mr. Wilson explained that they hope to continue to push initiatives that follow green building practices like Passive House and LEED. New buildings ought to be high performance and energy efficient. They are also looking at projects that could include opportunities to involve UVic faculty, staff, and students.
- UVic achieved a 25% reduction in GHG and with the District Energy Plant now operational, this will likely increase to 30%. Targeted reductions in both electrical and natural gas intensity were achieved. The creation of the Facilities Energy Master Plan will help to monitor and reduce electricity and natural gas use in our buildings.
- There was a short conversation about the value of reducing natural gas even if it means increasing electricity usage, and that going forward we need to ensure that green manufacturing standards in services and purchasing are in place.
- Ms. Kerr continued the presentation and spoke to each goal in the 2014-2019 Final Report. Notable items include UVic's positive waste diversion rate and its prioritization through the new dining facility, community and student participation with campus grounds crews to address invasive species, and water-based goals not being met due to underground leakages and the difficulties in pinpointing the source of the leaks. Ms. Kerr then spoke to the next steps for the interim plan and the development of the next Sustainability Action Plan.
- Dr. Klein inquired about scope 1 & 2 emissions, and if there are any plans to include air travel choices in the next plan. Mr. Wilson replied that they will be exploring this in the next cycle.

Recommendation:

That the Campus Planning Committee recommend to the President, that the Sustainability Action Plan: Campus Operations 2020-2021 be approved.

Moved: Saul Klein
Seconded: Sheryl Karras
CARRIED

d. Capital Projects Update
Presentation by David Perry

- Mr. Perry presented on all the ongoing and future capital projects at UVic. The MacLaurin D-Wing is

very complex, completing the seismic and concrete work is proving more difficult than anticipated. Mr. Perry spoke about the two new academic classrooms in the student housing & dining facility, the deconstruction of the current space, and the construction schedule slated to begin January 2020. He spoke briefly to the Engineering building site analysis and the start of the structure's design. Lastly, he talked about going forward with the Cycling Plan's University Drive and Dawnview connections.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Liaison Report

Ms. Potter updated the committee on the UVic Community Liaison Committee. Everything seems to be going well and they have enjoyed tours of the new District Energy Plant on campus. She then spoke to the Language Revitalization Pole, indicating that there have been many new development recently. Although UVic was honoured to be originally chosen to host the pole, the Foundation decided that it will be installed in Port Alberni, where the pole originated.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

9. NEXT MEETING: June 2nd, 2019: MWB Boardroom 120 (2:00-3:30pm).