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## Planning Committee Minutes

2/26/19

**Committee Members:** James Wojtaszek (Chair), Tom Johnson, Renee Seykora, Jana Koehler, Bryan Herrmann (ex-officio), Bill Zimmerman (ex-officio), Stacey Aronson, Julia Dabbs, Bridgett Karels, Sam Rosemark, Sydney Bauer, Mark Logan, and Alison Campbell (secretary)

**Absent:** Sam Rosemark, Sydney Bauer, Tom Johnson, Renee Seykora, Bill Zimmerman, Julia Dabbs, and Bridgett Karels

**Approve Minutes:** Next time

### **Bryan Herrmann gave an update on the Blakely and Humanities Projects:**

- Schematic design was brought to the Board of Regents on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>
- Construction will start the day after commencement (May 19) – bringing equipment on campus beforehand. The goal is to finish before school starts. A committee member suggested we plan ahead if the construction is not done in time – when delays happen and classrooms are displaced, technology set up was stressful because classrooms were not ready
- The new furniture does not prevent it from being a general purpose classroom – designed to accommodate the same number the rooms currently accommodate.
- HEAPR Request was for \$200 Million, Governor recommended \$150 Million at this point.

### **Humanities**

- 1/3 of the debt we have to pay back as it is an upgrade to classrooms
  - \$4.8 million total
  - Have a debt repayment schedule in place
  - Science will be off payments soon so that helps our debt – 20 years ago
- Language teaching center will be adjusted – 5 different monitors with movable furniture – laptops on a rack for students to use
- Laptops will be purchased with tech fee funds
- Lockers coming out for a collaboration space – charging station for devices in the spaces
- All furniture in building will be mobile
- TV Screens in all rooms – can project on front screen or all screens, students can hook up monitors to their own computers
- Interior walls will be glass in the hallway – allows hallway to have more light
- At what point in process will we know when we have money for the alternates for humanities office upgrades?
  - Construction manager will let us know the exact price and at that point it will be guaranteed
  - Added insulation is another alternate
- Second floor upgrades
  - Bench/desk areas in halls

- Presentation lounge – kitchenette, table for meetings and lounge area for senior seminars
  - Writing classroom
  - Display case
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
  - Gallery walls instead of solid wall – more accessible

### Blakely

- Basement of Blakely has steam pipes that are exposed, making the ceiling lower – will be changed to hot water and will open entire floor for usage
- During this stage of construction the building will not be air conditioned but is set up to be so in the future
- Students will be made aware of the construction – all jack hammer work will be done in the summer
- Basement
  - Curriculum workshop – study/group work room
  - Add 2 restrooms
  - Laundry will be moved upstairs – currently where old apartment and kitchen is on main floor
  - Classroom will seat 40
  - Seminar classroom
- Will still be used as a residence hall – top two floors of rooms are still needed
  - Residence hall area has a card swipe access all day
- Education office would like to move to Blakely – A committee member asked what happens if they move to Blakely? – needs to be handicap accessible therefore needs to have an elevator
  - Academic buildings without elevator – MRC, Camden, Education