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## Planning Committee Minutes

2/9/21

**Committee Members:** Mark Logan (Chair), James Wojtaszek, Bryan Herrmann (ex-officio), Bill Zimmerman (ex-officio), Stacey Aronson, Keni Zenner, Laura Thielke, Mark Collier, Satis Devkota, Mitchell Moris (student), Brianna Dokken (student), Erik Kjer (student) and Alison Campbell (secretary)

**Absent:** none

**Approve Minutes:** n/a

**Guest(s):** n/a

### Scholar of the College

Campus Assembly wanted details to get worked out so sent it back to Planning for further discussion:

- When juniors apply to grad school it was useful for them to add this in their applications
- Recognizing multiple accomplishments in multiple fields is better than combining them together
- Concern about situations when students have done work with faculty members and that faculty member moves on – adjust application process in their sophomore year so their work does not get lost
- Changes would be in effect for next year
- What is being asked of us? To finalize the changes for Campus Assembly to approve or figure out the problems and come up with solutions?
- Should probably reach out to Janet Schrunk Ericksen, Dave Israels-Swenson and Kellcee Baker for further information and invite them back – ask if they have information how often awards go out to sophomores (look at 10 years of data) – Mark thinks it's more of a recent problem

### Bryan Hermann talks about current and future HEAPR projects

- Require no debt – infrastructure and repair projects
- We typically get 3% of the systems funds but we got 6% - legislature gave UMN Twin Cities money for Intitule for Child Development project, therefore, gave each system campus more funds
- Able to adjust funds to different projects that come up
- Request to the legislature is \$200 million
- When you have a code issue, how long do you have to fix it? – We are not required to fix them unless we change something to the building
- Interest rates are at an all-time low (less than 1%) – this is the time to do more bonding.
- Water infiltration – is science building on the radar? – joints between the 2 buildings always leak – yes we are aware of this
- Are you looking for advice or prioritization on the list? – in the past this committee wanted to make accessibility and energy efficiency of high priority

- What is the procedure on how the funds are used?
  - Every 10 years the building assessment team assesses each building and lists off what repairs need to happen when
  - Bryan takes feedback from our facilities staff
  - We have budget constraints on the size of projects we are able to complete with the funds available.
  - Emergency type fixes effect what gets done first as well
- Typically a bonding bill is every 2 years – got one last year but opened up another one this year (approve funding in May and receive funding in July)
- PE Center is now Cougar Sports Center which starts at the double doors with the cougar decal on them
- Greenhouse and conservatory – talked with Jeanne Williamson from student counseling – will use for some meditation work and plant care for mental health healing
  - Greenhouse is the box building
  - Conservatory is the round building
  - Donor potential for this mental health program