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Consultative Committee Agenda/Minutes

Meeting date: 10/29/15
Meeting location: McGinnis Room, Briggs Library
Time: 4 p.m.
Note taker: Kelly Asche

Members present:

Kelly Asche Jayne Blodgett Brenda Boever
 Rita Bolluyt Dean Doneen Julie Eckerle
 Lisa Harris Megan Jacobson Jane Kill
 Michelle Page Ted Pappenfus Elsie Wilson

Agenda

- Approve minutes from 10/22/2015
(https://docs.google.com/a/morris.umn.edu/document/d/1G469YeiG4-z224Qv_9RHe pZkBoD1qWw4cR6Vz_8ozTM/edit?usp=sharing)
- Co-chair updates
- Discussion with Bryan Herrmann
 - Summer 2015
 - Bio-mass plant got part replacement.
 - New part will help scrub silica and other particulates so it will be much more efficient. It will also get the exhaust below MPCA threshold for exhaust particulates.
 - Plant has been down for about 2 years.
 - Natural gas will still have to be used during varying weather.
 - Biomass will help prevent the institution from going to fuel oil due to the institution being at the end of the line for natural gas supply. Natural gas can be cut off if demand is really high in the region.
 - Big Cat stadium
 - 100 year rain destroyed a retaining wall.
 - That was repaired along with some floodwater mitigation stuff to help further damage in the future.
 - Q: Is there shared costs since it is used by other orgs?

- It was not shared. Some was paid by insurance money, but the rest was paid by U of MN.
- Q: Is there possibility to do something like that in the future?
 - Not right now. Storm mitigation not in the agreement, but there are cost sharing for long-term repairs and maintenance.
- Q: What is UMM doing more of regarding maintenance?
 - UMM helps closes it down, cleans out water pipes, etc.... just to make sure it was done correctly.
- Safety upgrades in the theaters.
- Move HR to the 2nd floor of Behmler Hall.
 - Better location so that folks are more comfortable to come with HR questions/concerns.
- Academic success move to 2nd floor of library.
- Added multiple automatic door openers.
- Science auditorium got a screen and audio for wheelchair accessibility.
- Removed carpet and replaced cupboards in ACE.
- Humanities HVAC design.
 - Looking at options to add HVAC.
 - One option looks to be better than others.
 - Other options besides putting a larger A/C unit on the roof which doesn't fit the historic feel of the campus.
 - Realize space is a priority.
- Moving campus police to basement of Behmler Hall.
 - Currently not handicap accessible.
 - A more central location for the office.
 - Plan on happening in January.
- Dining Hall has 3 projects.
 - 4th floor "People Room"
 - Redoing it for better utilization of storage space.
 - Will be building a corridor.
 - 3rd Floor
 - Will be walled off and used as a meeting room.
 - Will be great for folks to use as a meeting room and no need to get catering.
 - Ramp being built between 3rd and 4th floor.
 - All of this is being paid by money from Sodexo to improve the building.
- Continuing to add card access to more buildings.
- Adding at least one more automatic door opener.
- HFA media room reconfiguration that is being proposed.
- Installing more wireless across campus.

- Attempting to build something that will lessen impact in PE Center for folks practicing.
- Blakely Hall
 - elevator on the north side.
- HEAPR requests
 - \$100 million request in front of legislator.
 - #1 project on the list is Humanities HVAC.
 - Probably won't be done this summer since you can't contract until we have money.
 - Q: Where are other maintenance projects on the list.
 - \$2.79 million if bill is fully funded.
 - If we get less, than funding goes down by percentage of total bill reduction.
 - HEAPR can only fund replacement projects.
 - ADA as well.
 - HEAPR does not add debt to the institution.
 - #2 on the list is Briggs library bathroom on the top floor.
 - #3 Humanities sprinklers and alarms.
 - This will be done at the same time as the HVAC.
 - #4 Science water line replacement.
 - #5 HFA hand and stair rails.
 - Currently not at the right height or width.
 - #6 sewer line needs to be replaced.
 - #7 window sills around library need to be replaced.
- \$4 million bonding bill
 - Future Humanities
 - Redoing all the classrooms in the building.
 - Q: To what extent will they be redone?
 - Fully refurbished.
- Remodel lower level of Blakely to classrooms.
 - 4 classrooms and a seminar room.
 - Q: What will happen to the offices currently there?
 - Not sure yet.
- The challenge with these projects.
 - We don't have the capacity to have them shovel ready.
- Q: Are there any solutions for the heat and humidity for Camden Hall?
 - They are working on figuring something out but at the beginning stages.
 - It's going to be a large investment.
 - It's always a priority issue. HVAC for classrooms and elevators for ADA will always be priority.
 - Comment: Figuring out the electricity so that humidifiers could work or have some short-term solutions.

- Comment: It is a bit of a balance because short-term solutions use a lot of energy (dehumidifiers).
- Comment: Faculty and others would really appreciate to figure out some creative solutions/remedies to help out. At least some acknowledgement that it is difficult. Books are falling apart, computers are not working due to heat and humidity.
 - Yes, would love to think of ways to make this work.
 - It's at least 6 years before anything gets done there. So we need a stopgap.
 - Comment: Possibly creating a air-conditioned faculty library.
- Q: why don't we just to a complete overhaul for these buildings and not do the small HEAPR?
 - It will be faster to do it incrementally than to wait for it to be included in a capital bonding bill.
 - We have to pay 1/3 of the debt as well.
 - \$4 million incremental is much easier for us to handle.
- It would be great if we could get more HEAPR funding/more of the pie.
 - Looking at the "critical" list among all campuses, we have more proportionally critical buildings.
- PE Center issues
 - Dire need of bigger locker rooms.
 - PE center is 50 years old this year.
- 6 year capital request that was not received well
 - Briggs library renovation.
 - PE center
- Q:how is furniture is purchased on campus
 - Usually by departments and units.
 - Robert orders the furniture but no funding.
- There is no central funding for new furniture. Budgets are submitted by each department.
- Comment: Most standing desks have been for medical needs.
- Comment: Campus departments do not seem to be planning for furniture replacement.
- No meeting next week.