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Campus Development and Environment Committee

Annual Report

2000-2001

Committee Membership:

Linda Benson-History
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 Khaled Dahr-Campus Planning & Design

The business of the Committee was quite varied this year. The major concerns were the following:

1. The Committee reviewed the Parking Report, prepared by an outside consultant. Several comments were added regarding snow removal, placement of trash containers, landscaping enhancements, and designated spaces for motorcycles to prevent wasted space.
2. The CDEC reviewed the plans for the proposed Detroit Edison Power substation, and made the following recommendation:

"The Campus Development and Environment Committee has reviewed the plans for the proposed Detroit Edison Power substation, to be located on the southeast corner of Lonedale and Squirrel Rds. Assuming proper landscaping is carried out, and the low profile of the design, the building is judged to be compatible with current campus buildings."

3. The Committee had an opportunity to review the Education and Human Resources Building Plans, but did not make any recommendations.
4. The Committee reviewed the plans for the Student Housing Complex to be built on East Meadowbrook Drive. The chair had additional opportunity for input as a member of the building committee.

The CDEC made the following recommendation:

"The Campus Development and Environment Committee has reviewed the plans for the Student Apartment Complex to be located on East Meadowbrook Drive, east of the Matthews Housing Complex. We find the proposed design to be satisfactory, but express regret that the Pig Barn, located at the east end of the proposed site, cannot be incorporated in the proposal, perhaps as the foundation for the Community Center."

5. The Committee reviewed the recommendations of the Master Planning Task Force, and made the following recommendation:

"The Campus Development and Environment Committee is concerned that the remaining structures on campus dating to the Meadowbrook Farms era (see attached) be evaluated as historic structures, and, when possible, considered for renovation and reuse rather than routine removal. Their value as historical artifacts will undoubtedly increase with time, and yet unless they are given careful attention and review at this point, will undoubtedly deteriorate to a point that they are no longer salvageable."

Subsequently, the Senate passed the Master Plan, giving the CDEC the task of developing criteria for the preservation of historic structures on campus.

6. The Committee reviewed the use of food and beverages in classrooms, and makes the following recommendation to the Senate:

CLASSROOM USE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES POLICY RECOMMENDATION

In view of the rapid deterioration of classrooms containing carpeting and upholstered furniture, it is the recommendation of the Campus Development and Environment Committee that the use of food and beverages other than water in all carpeted classrooms or classrooms containing upholstered furniture and technology-equipped classrooms be banned.

Introduction:

In recent years with the addition of new buildings having carpeted classrooms and upholstered furniture, it has been noted that the appearance and condition of the new facilities is rapidly being downgraded due to spillage of food and beverages.

It is recognized that with a commuter student population, there is often only limited opportunity to go to the Oakland center or other locations set aside for eating and drinking. Nevertheless the net cost to the University of special cleaning coupled with the significant decline in appearance makes it necessary to develop a policy of prohibiting food and beverages other than water in such facilities.

The costs associated with repair or replacement due to food and beverage consumption is estimated as follows:

Carpet cleaning \$ 1/sq. yd.
 Cleaning of upholstered chairs \$ 20./chair
 Replacement of carpet \$ 30./sq.yd

In addition, food and beverages can cause more extensive damage if spilled in classrooms equipped with instructional technology.

In order to offset the loss of consumption opportunities in the classroom, we suggest that the presently available locations for consumption of food and beverages be clearly identified, and that additional sites be created where needed.

In order to increase compliance, we suggest a publicity campaign directed to faculty, staff, and students to stress that the campus is to be considered a community resource, to be treated with respect. Prominent signage should also be included.

Geoff Brieger, Chair 8/30/01



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