

Senate Campus Development and Environment Committee

Annual Report

2008-2009

Committee Membership:

Daniel Arnold – Financial Aid Advisor
Kevin Costakes – Student
William Cramer – Kresge Library
Danielle Fallis – Student
Richard Fekel – Director Oakland Center
Fay Hansen – College of Arts and Sciences
Mark Isken – School of Business Administration
Christopher Jensen – Assistant Director of Student Activities
Stephanie Lee – Executive Assistant to Provost
Nicole Moninger – Academic Advisor SEHS
Wanda Reygaert – School of Health Sciences – Chair
Jarrett Schlaff – Student
Richard Stamps – College of Arts and Sciences
Terry Stollsteimer – Associate VP Facilities Management
Jordan Twardy – Student

Ex-officio Member added during the year: Sam Lucido – Campus Police Chief

The primary business of the Committee this year was as follows:

- 1) The Student Congress presented two suggestions to help alleviate the parking situation on Campus and to help the environment: the possibility of implementing a campus shuttle service; and implementation of a bicycle loan program, where students who would usually drive from one side of Campus to the other, would instead use Campus owned bicycles for on Campus travel. Bicycle racks would be located in strategic places.
- 2) The Committee was given a presentation by Jim Leidel, of Facilities Management, on the proposed Wind Turbines and Biomass Fuel projects. He explained the design of these projects, as well as the potential costs and revenue. Potential Campus sites for these projects were discussed.
- 3) Throughout the year the Committee was updated by Facilities Management as to the potential locations of the Health and Human Services building and the Medical School building. Information included the renovations scheduled for O'Dowd Hall to accommodate the immediate needs of the Medical School, and

information about approval of, and architectural planning progress for the Human Health Building.

- 4) The Committee revisited the part of the University Master Plan that addresses historical preservation. The concern was that even though there were several Campus historical structures already listed on the National Historic Building Registry, that there were several more structures that the Committee felt were just as historically significant. The Committee was doubtful that these structures could be added now to those already on the National Registry. The Committee, therefore, decided to tour the Campus and view these structures, and recommend to the University Senate that these structures be put on a list of Campus structures as 'historically significant'. The Committee felt that this might raise the awareness level of the presence of these structures to prevent the further disrepair (or removal of) these structures. The structures to be designated and protected as part of the Dodge-Wilson homestead: the Belgian Horse Barn, the two barns in front of Meadowbrook pavilion, the sheep barn near parking lot #5, the Gate House, the Fraternity house (and remaining garages) on Adams Rd., the firehouses, the Varner and Lowry houses and chicken coops on Butler Rd., the stone wall on the west side of Adams Rd., and the stone wall behind SEB. Since the barns near the pavilion are located on property leased by the Palace of Auburn Hills, it was suggested that when the lease is due to be renewed, that either the barns would be removed from the lease conditions, or that provision for maintenance of the barns be included in the lease agreement.
- 5) Fay Hansen presented an idea for student involvement in organic gardening on Campus. When the Committee toured the Campus, it determined that a site near the Varner House on Butler Rd. seemed ideal as a place for that project. Fay has been working on getting approval from the University to start the project this summer.