
CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

2011 FINAL REPORT

The Campus Development and Environmental Committee (CDEC) met monthly throughout the 2010-2011 academic year. Detailed minutes were taken at every meeting (and approved at the following meeting) and those minutes are available as Google Docs to anyone who is interested.

CDEC meetings always included an update by Terry Stollsteimer of Facilities Management and the CDEC provided feedback, questions, and official responses to Terry to take back to OU administration regarding some of these items. Examples of issues that CDEC addressed included:

Main OR Traffic Circle - CDEC made recommendations on short term (e.g. planting of trees) and longer term (walls or statues) plans for the main OU traffic circle.

Campus signage – feedback on consultants report

Historical preservation – discussion of prospective uses for the chicken coops and sheep barn

Art for the new Human Health Building – CDEC members offered to work with the Art Department to assess opportunities for art display.

Campus recycling – recognition of better information sharing needed between the units and Facilities Management to improve our campus recycling efforts.

Campus Surveillance Camera System – upgrades to the campus surveillance system require the potential trimming or removal of several trees on campus. Before blessing this project, the CDEC recommended being invited for a field visits to affected areas to assess the impact on the campus.

Many other issues were brought forward as information items by Terry Stollsteimer including: updates on campus construction projects, parking plans, future plans for student housing, maintenance updates such as roofing projects and the O'Dowd Hall window replacement project, and summer road work. CDEC members were urged to share this information with their units.

Other campus development project on which the CDEC had input:

Sustainability and Creativity Zone Proposal (Fay Hansen) – the CDEC officially endorsed this proposal with the following statement to OU administration:

The CDEC is very supportive of the concept and vision of the proposed Sustainability and Creativity Zone and urges the university to provide the support necessary for the initial planning phases of this project.

Energy Research Center (Jim Leidel) – the CDEC officially endorsed this proposal subject to conditions regarding consultation with qualified architects on issues related to historic preservation and the construction of a silo outside the Gustafson-Shotwell Pavilion.

Reallocation of Space in Varner and O’Dowd for UTS upgrades – The committee recommended, as a next step, that UTS meet with deans and department chairs from the affected areas to determine if there are alternate suggestions for how space may be reallocated.