

CSAC Minutes

8/20/01 - Laurel Forum – 2:00

In Attendance: Kathleen Ashley, Rebecca Barraclough, Sandi Booth, Meg Dutnell, Steve Elliott, Jay Gertz, Lydia Gossett, Elise Henshaw, Lauri Hollingsworth, Mike Honeycutt, Steve Honeycutt, Andrea Jackson, Lee Krueger, Marilyn Lonon, Steve McKinney, Maggie Smith, Richard White, Deirde Wiggins, Nancy Williams, Diane Williamson, Jill Yarnall

Approval of Minutes: Rebecca Barraclough, Andrea Jackson

Construction: Paul Braese agreed to come and talk to us about current and future construction projects. There will be a new web page available soon. This will keep everyone current on construction projects. The page will give general dates.

New Science Building – Currently in programming phase. Part of this process is site selection.

New Facilities Building – Currently in programming phase. Looking at sustainability.

Carmichael & Zagier Halls – Currently waiting for school to get started and then a committee will be selected.

Electrical Distribution – This will be re-routed for the entire campus due to construction. This project will continue through the fall. Field Drive will be blocked.

Mid-September the gates around Facilities will close.

Highsmith Center - Currently under the last review. Work on the temporary offices (under the dining hall) will be finished by mid-October except for the air conditioning. Air-conditioning will be shut off to the dining hall in mid October to complete the temporary offices.

Zagier Hall – Air-conditioning project will start mid-October.

New Printing Services Building – This will be located next to the “free” parking lot below the Facilities building.

Reuter Center – Construction will begin soon.

New Village Dorm – Students have been working over the summer for free to find a way to recycle the village dorms when they are torn down.

New gravel lot – This is for faculty/staff parking and is located between the Carol Belk Theatre and Carmichael Hall. This lot is already open.

Challenges: Parking will be impacted. There will be very little room to move around the highsmith center.

The change from parking to “no” parking across from Justice Gym is in the master plan. Will the parking go away on the other side of street in front of Justice Gym? Paul will check into this and let us know.

Power Outage is currently set for fall break. This is not definite and Paul will let us know the specifics.

Response: Rebecca Barraclough suggested that students be included in e-mails concerning construction.

Marilyn Lonon stated that the campus needs more publication, and e-mails about construction meetings. For example, there may need to be others included in the programming meeting of the new science building.

Maggie Smith suggested better communication in general.

Budget Update: Steve Honeycutt reported that there has been no official word about the budget at this time. The Legislature is still in session. Steve has advised the campus to postpone spending state funds. We have slowed down hiring by putting a freeze on all positions for 60 days.

Ice Cream Social: Marilyn Lonon and Steve Elliott met with Alex Comfort. They set a date of September 4th at 3:00. It will be held at the Phillips Hall Breezeway. Faculty and staff are invited. There will not be a formal invitation to students, but any that wander by are invited to participate. There will be speeches given by the Chancellor, Alex Comfort, Marilyn Lonon, and a student scholarship recipient. Pledge cards will not be given out at this time, but will be mailed at a later date.

In-Range Memo: In the Chancellors remarks to the faculty he made mention of his commitment to this if funds are available. Marilyn will write a new memo to thank the Chancellor and reiterate our support of the in-range upgrades.

By-Law Changes: These have been approved by the Chancellor and are on the web.

Newsletter: Will be out soon.

Capital Projects: Steve Elliott passed out copies of the web site that will be on line soon. This web site will have construction maps, facilities staff directory, e-mail links, events (including current, this week, and upcoming). There is a mail services web site under construction. The next items under construction will be central stores and the campus safety manual.

VCAA Search Committee: The committee is looking for input from the campus. Marilyn encouraged us to attend any of meetings.

Picnic Pictures: It was brought to the committee's attention by Deirdre Wiggins that some people on campus feel the pictures on the web were not diversified. Jill Yarnall also stated some people in her office felt we were making fun of the Appalachian people. Marilyn Lonon stated that the committee did not mean to offend anyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:14.