

**Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee
of the Faculty Council
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2002**

Committee in Attendance: Khaled Gasem, Suzanne Bilbeisi, Charles Leider, Sterling Wetzel, Chalmer Labig, Marcia Dickman, and Dan Lingelbach

Guests: John Houck, Larry Lundholm, Sarah Kimball, and Sarah Fultz

John Houck, Assistant Vice President of Physical Plant, was invited to present to the CFSS committee a brief overview of the variety and scope of projects currently being considered or already underway on the principal OSU campus. He utilized the Landscape MasterPlan prepared by Howell & VanCuren as the basis for discussion.

Houck began the meeting by discussing proposed changes to the perimeter of campus that are hoped to create more of a sense of gateway or entry into the campus proper. These include:

- The continuation of the aesthetics of Monroe street (lightings, planters, banners) from University to 6th to enhance the southern entry into campus.
- Curving Athletic avenue to meet Miller at their intersection on Knoblock to minimize confusion at the eastern entry.
- Emphasizing Cleveland Avenue over Monroe as the main vehicular thoroughfare through campus to protect pedestrians from the volume of vehicular traffic currently occurring on Monroe.

Projects currently underway include:

- Renovation of the Colvin Center and elimination of its entry on Hall of Fame. This entry causes people to jaywalk, causing an unsafe situation for pedestrians due to the speed of the traffic.
- The Alumni Association Building (the mention of this project caused a flurry of discussion; committee members demanded to know why there was no faculty members involved in the decision of the site selection. Houck stated that even he had no control or influence over the site selection for that project, it was decided at the higher administration/regents level and handed to him as final.)
- Renovation of Stout and Bennett Halls. These will remain student housing.
- Renovation of the SU Hotel, with a new drop-off and more easily identifiable entry.

Projects planned for the near future include:

- Destruction of the Sculpture Lab on Hall of Fame, with a new facility planned for the far northwest outer area of campus.
- The elimination the parking lot outside of Whitehurst to return the space to a green.
- An addition to the Architecture Building.
- An addition to the Business Building.
- The destruction of Wilham North and South.
- Lewis Field renovation and addition.
- The addition of a stoplight at the intersection of Hall of Fame and Western.

As long term goals, Houck indicated the university's desire to:

- Procure the properties between Hall of Fame and McElroy north of the stadium so that the university can exercise control over the northern entry into campus.
- Build a parking garage over the large surface lot north of the stadium to ease parking concerns.
- Purchase the University Circle subdivision and create a large surface parking area to serve the major residential quadrant of campus.
- Quietly purchase the Scholar's Inn to make a large open entry space in front of Gallagher-Iba.

Houck stated that in the past ten years, the university has invested \$300 million in capital improvements, and he expects the same rate of improvements/expansion to continue into the next ten years.

Several committee members expressed concern over the current conflicts present between modes of transportation. Pedestrians are certainly in danger crossing Monroe because of cars, but they are also threatened by bicycle traffic at many locations on campus. Most clearly, it was noted that pedestrians do not respect the bike lanes, which causes bikes to drive outside of the designated paths. The committee suggested a way of improving the situation might be to strengthen the image of the bike path with a paint color on the lanes and better signage. Houck confirmed that he is working with the city of Stillwater and their 2020 plan to coordinate the city pathways feed into university pathways.

Houck promised to forward 8 copies of the specifications of the Howell & VanCuren MasterPlan so that each committee member can review its contents. He further promised to forward to the committee the agenda of his monthly meetings with Dr. Bosserman, prior to the date of the meeting. These meetings define the issues that will be brought to the Regents meetings regarding physical plant concerns.

A recycling update was provided by Sarah Fultz, the campus media and public relations chairwoman for the recycling committee.