

Senate Growth and Development Committee
Meeting Minutes 3.24.17
10:00-11:00am
Senate Conference Room, Hall Building

Present: Tina McCarthy, Nick Ferron, David Benson, Greg Bouquot, Joerg Graf, Michelle Judge, Carolyn Lin, Louise Lewis, Robert Bird, Tracie Borden, Andrew Moiseff, Faquir Jain

Guest: Laura Cruickshank, University Master Planner and Chief Architect

Minutes

The minutes for the Senate Growth and Development Committee meeting held on February 24, 2017 were approved.

The focus on this meeting was future construction in the central campus and other campuses as well as anticipated needs for classrooms, faculty labs, and offices.

There are approximately \$480M of construction projects completed or in the construction phase. These include the relocation of the Hartford campus, the innovation partnership building, improvements on discovery drive, the engineering and science building, the chemical waste transfer facility (main accumulation area), and the central campus infrastructure. A number of projects in design, which constitute \$550M of investments, were also reviewed. These include the Gant building renovation, North Eagleville Road infrastructure, and the renovation of Gampel Pavilion.

Integration with sustainability principles was discussed. Sustainability is an inherent part of university planning. Constructed buildings are anticipated ~~ed~~ to meet LEED silver and gold requirements.

The Torrey Life Sciences Building is a continuing concern. \$25M of investments into Torrey would be needed just to the exterior. Bricks and roof, as well as other features, need significant repairing. Torrey is too expensive to be repaired. However, a location must be set for faculty and staff, particularly in Physiology and Neurobiology, and Molecular and Cell Biology, before Torrey replacement begins. There is also interest in avoiding faculty and staff to have to make a 'double move' during the time Torrey is replaced.

The availability of classrooms was also discussed and whether classrooms would be available during construction when buildings were being replaced (swing space) as well as after construction ends. The last classroom building constructed is Laurel Hall which was built some years ago. Gant Rebuilding renovation was also a topic, and it was noted that it is key to get students into the building with teaching classrooms and labs. Buildings that are solely for faculty and staff and not students are not optimal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.