

Minutes of February 27th Meeting, 2014
Senate Growth and Development Committee
March 13, 2014

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Attendance: Reda Ammar, Danielle Bergmann, Joseph Crivello , Erin Mason, Carol Polifroni, Carolyn Teschke, Dana Wilder, Mary Yakimowski, Faquir Jain

UConn Senate Growth and Development Committee Members:

Reda Ammar, Robert Bird, Danielle Bergmann, Tracie Borden, Joseph Crivello, Kathy Hendrickson, Kathryn Libal, Kelly Kennedy, Jeanne Martin, Erin Mason, George McManus, Daniel Mercier, Carol Polifroni, Richard Schwab; Carolyn Teschke, Pieter Visscher, Dana Wilder, Mary Yakimowski, and Faquir Jain

Invited Guests:

Lawrence Silbart, Executive Director, Technology Park.
Andrew Zehner, Director Corporate and Business Relations.
Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect

Lawrence Silbart updated the committee about Technology Park and its impact on state of Connecticut economic development during our February 27th, 2014 meeting. Some highlights of his presentation and discussion are noted below.

1. Noted that work force pipeline to fuel the economic development in state.
2. High tech growth is the formula for growth.
3. Industry partnership needs to be strengthened in light of slippage in industrial sponsorship of projects from a share of 5% to about 2.5%.
4. Innovation Partners are being sought including corporations who are interested in innovation that may lead to SBIR partnership, student internships. Some of the areas of focus include additive manufacturing and advanced characterization. Nine equipment pieces worth \$10M have been approved out of \$40M outlay.
5. The first building (whose design was shown by Laura Cruickshank in her presentation) has a footprint of 100,000 sq. ft. which is planned for 2017. Of this space, 35,000 sq ft is available. After subtracting 11,000 sq ft from staff offices, about 25,000 sq ft is targeted to attract 5-7 companies. The building will have 23ft high bays for manufacturing systems. Two other buildings are envisioned in the near future and these will have more space for Technology Incubation Projects (TIP).

In response to a question related to tissue engineering, Silbart noted that there may be a bioscience footprint in the facility. It was mentioned (RA) that IBM supercomputer will also be housed there. Also in response to a question (DB) it was noted that the funding for the park is from State Bonds covering construction and equipment costs.

Andrew Zehner (Interim Head Tech Partnership and Tech Transfer) briefed the committee about the Inventions, Licensing and Technology Transfer issues. Some highlights are noted below.

1. He observed that he has Dr. Goodwin, Gallo and Cyr working with faculty and students in the processing of Invention Disclosures, filing of patents, and assisting in commercialization. He

noted that the process has been streamlined and time is now being reduced from six months after filing of the invention.

2. Works with Larry Silbart in the area of industry liaison.
3. Explained their partnership with UConn Ventures (part of UConn Foundation) to assist faculty to path to commercialization and marketing plans for potential licenses.
4. In response to a question (MY) he mentioned that their goal is to generate more companies. The challenges include finding entrepreneurs, finding funding sources including CI, Angel Investors and VC firms.
5. Members asked him to communicate his final version of licensing policies to the UConn Senate and/or to AAUP for dissemination among the faculty.

Laura Cruickshank presented to the committee details of the Storrs Campus master plan. She also presented Hartford Campus plans. Three sets of documents were distributed (Project Updates, Master Plan Scope, and Greater Hartford Campus Update). Some highlights are noted below.

1. It was observed that CT Department of Labor stopped work order for 2 subcontractors due to not following states statues when hiring documented workers and other payroll irregularities. Other contractors are working and new contractors will be hired to continue the work. UConn was not aware of the hiring practice violations of the two said contractors.
2. Engineering and Science building plans are in advanced stage at the site behind the Infirmary. (at the site of old Central Warehouse, which will be demolished) December 2014 ground breaking and 11/2016 opening is projected. Two floors will house Sciences and three floors Engineering.
3. Master Plan and Academic Plans will be linked. Student, faculty and staff growth during Next Gen will be considered when designing class room space, transportation needs, utilities, water resources, parking, and environmental effects.
4. Mentioned about the location (near X-lot, farmer Brown lot) of 200,000sq ft STEM Science Building. Consideration of utilities, chilled water etc will be considered. 3 year time frame is proposed for the start of construction. Planning monies are being requested.
5. In response to a question (JC), the time line for Torrey Life Science Building replacement is around 2021 (1 year to plan, 2 year to design, and 2-3 years to build).
6. A new garage will be built. Location is still undecided.
7. Two dormitories will be built. One building (near Hill Top Dorms) about 200,000 sq ft (\$95M) is in design-build phase for ~700 students slated for 2016. The other one is slated for 2017 (Honors Res. Hall) near South Campus. There are certain issues about the second building involving loading dock, and dining hall.
8. Renovated Monteith and Arjona will be used for swing space for at least 10 years.

9. Presented plans for the downtown Hartford Campus. The key feature is use of spaces in addition to the Hartford Times building including Science Center, Convention Center, Hartford Library, and other buildings down town that are not used fully.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next meeting: March 13, 2014 at 11:00am, Dodd Center Room 162.

11:00am: Sharon White Director Stamford Campus, Phone-in,
Michael Menard, Director Hartford Campus (TBC),

11:30am Michael Jednak, Associate VP Facilities.

Spring Meetings on Thursdays at Dodd Center Room 162

Spring (Thursday)

Meeting with

January 23, 2014 11:00am Richard Schwab (Chair, Academic Planning Comm.)
11:30 Mark Westa, Parking Advisory Committee.

February 6, 2014 11:00am Wayne Locust (VP Enrollment Plan & Mgmt.), and
Mohamed Hussein (Chair, Senate Budget Committee)

***February 27, 2014 11:00am Lawrence Silbart, Executive Director of the Tech Park,
11:25am Andrew Zehner, Executive Director of Technology
Partnerships and Licensing.

11:45 Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect
*****Meeting in Hall Building/Senate Conference Room 123. (Adjacent to CUE Building)**

March 13, 2014 11:00am Sharon White (Director Stamford) phone in, and
11:30am Michael Jednak, Associate VP Facilities

March 27, 2014 11:00am Deans of CLAS, SOE, Nursing, Neag School, Agriculture
and Natural Resources, Business, and Fine Arts (TBC),
11:40am, Jeff Seemann, Vice President for Research

April 10, 2014 11:00am Warde Manuel, Director Athletics
11:30 am Discuss G&D recommendations/annual report.

April 24, 2014 11:00am President Susan Herbst and Provost Mun Choi

Fall 2013 Meetings

FALL (Thursday)

Meeting with

September 12, 2013 11:00 am Provost Mun Choi and Vice Provost Larry Silbart

October 10, 2013 11:00am Edward Courchaine, President USG
11:30am Richard Schwab, Chair Academic Vision Comm.

**November 14, 2013 11:00am Michael Gilbert, Vice President Student Affairs

11:30am Joshua Newton, President UConn Foundation

**December 12, 2013 11:30am Kent Holsinger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and
Dean of the Graduate School ** Meeting place: CLAS Room 413.