



Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 10/18/23

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Present: James Gulvas (Chair), Samuel Konigbagbe, Geoffrey Chatas (VP and CFO), Julie Boland, Amir Jawed, Daniel Nemser, Hsiao Sung, Romesh Saigal, Francine Dolins, Pamela Wong

Absent: Ruth Carlos, Vilma Mesa, Ragini Vittal,

Guests: Sue Gott, Chris Culley

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

11:01am-11:07am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the April and September FAAC meeting were approved. An ice breaker activity and introductions were made.

11:07am-11:40am: Campus Plan 2050: presentation

Summary: Sue Gott presented the committee on progress made on the Vision 2034 and Campus Plan 2050. The three areas of focus were campus engagement, campus planning themes, and campus planning emerging ideas.

A timeline of campus engagement was provided. In spring 2023, the team sought input to guide the planning. Areas of consideration included DEIA, climate action, mobility, open space, among others. Scenario planning was the focus of the summer. Plan development is currently taking place, with the finalization expected in winter 2024.

A wide range of groups were consulted as part of campus engagement, including the City of Ann Arbor, Focus Groups, DEI Leads, Chairs, Deans, students, faculty, among others. This included Open houses in the spring and fall, as well as digital outreach.

Five campus planning themes were discussed: Renewal and strategic investment in new space, campus vibrancy, Health and well-being, sustainability, and connectivity. Each theme was discussed, with specific priorities identified.

Renewal and strategic investment in new space: There are plans to renovate existing classrooms and labs to improve the technology infrastructure, and improve the learning environment. The creation of an Innovation District on North Campus was mentioned. These renovations are to include space that are inclusive, equitable, and welcoming, with guidance provided by DEIA groups in terms of the design process. Housing for both graduate and undergraduate students is a priority, both renovation and replacement. Upgrades to athletic facilities was discussed. Various community partnerships are listed.



Campus vibrancy: Plans include providing locations for outdoor art programming, integrating art into the landscape, strategically integrating food service, and integrating retail services, among other innovations.

Health and well-being: Plans include upgrades to space in the medical center and East Medical Campus, enhancing the user and patient experience, upgrading the recreational experience on North Campus, among other innovations.

Sustainability: A goal of making buildings on campus more energy efficient is stated. This includes the utilization of renewable energy sources. The integration of storm water management on campus was noted. Adding gardens to campus was noted, as well as improving existing gardens.

Connectivity: Providing a new automated transit system to connect central, medical, and north campus in Ann Arbor was noted. Parking was discussed.

Various land use ideas for the Ann Arbor campuses were reviewed with the committee. The proposals were potential uses, with the understanding that planning was not yet completed.

Action: Presentation

11:40am-11:59am: Campus Plan 2050: feedback

Summary: A question about Flint and Dearborn is raised. All three campuses are being considered, and the work done on the Ann Arbor plan will be used to assist with the planning for the other campuses.

Where does the funding come for this? There is a capital counsel that will be part of aligning the strategic vision.

Sustainability and emphasis on housing was brought up. Mental health of students was highlighted as an important area to focus on. Additional facilities are being considered, as this is recognized as a serious issue that requires careful consideration.

Commuter city buses were brought up as something to focus on.

Parking was brought up. It is a balancing act between carbon neutrality and accommodating those who commute via personal vehicle.

The next topic will be the overall budget of the university.

Action: Discussion

11:59am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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