Facilities Planning Committee
Meeting Notes
June 17, 2011

Present: Jo Anne Bowen, Bill Dorin, Karen Evans, Charles Gary, Otto Jefimenko, Sharon Lakia, Kathryn Lantz, Kathryn Manteuffel, Linda Sharma and Jim Thomas

I. Kathryn Lantz provided the following updates:
   1. Remodeling and construction in Moraine is moving along for the new IUPD site. Completion is expected in late August or early September.
   2. Marianne Malyj will soon be placing the formal order for new furniture for Raintree Hall. We will install the same type of tablet arm chairs that were purchased last summer for Hawthorn. Per the Chancellor’s request, Marianne has ordered new chairs and tables for the Arts on Grant location at the Village. The painting, photography and sculpture areas will receive new chairs and the painting area will also get new tables.
   3. The Community Garden is active and planted. Linda Sharma noted that they have not been mowing the grass regularly and asked Kathryn to contact Erin Argyilan and Ellen Szarleta and remind them to have the grassy areas maintained.
   4. The campus Sustainability Committee has been formed by Chancellor Lowe. Kathryn Manteuffel and Otto Jefimenko are members. Kathryn Manteuffel gave a brief update telling us that the Chancellor met with them for the first meeting and told them the committee can determine their own organizational structure. Kathryn said they will meet again most likely in July. Kathryn and Otto told us the members are: Otto, Kathryn, Mark Uncapher, Ellen Szarleta, Erin Argyilan, Glenn Lauzon, Marianne Milich and one other member.

II. Kathryn Lantz shared the conceptual design for the remodeling of the IU Credit Union space. We are waiting for an estimate on the project before a decision is made to move forward. Chancellors Bergland and Lowe agreed to split the cost of the remodel with the IU Credit Union if both parties agree that the total cost is reasonable. The project is being estimated by FH Paschen, the firm who did the Arts on Grant project.

III. Kathryn Lantz, Otto and Kathryn Manteuffel gave an update on the R&R projects that have been completed, have been started or will be started and completed this summer.

IV. Kathryn Lantz presented the drawings for the proposed renovation of the old Dena’s Pub that will be converted to a Gary Public Transportation Transit stop, meeting space for Weed & Seed, a Gary Police sub-station and community meeting space. The project is being funded by the Gary Public Transportation Corp. (GPTC) with federal grants. The University will lease the building to them for nominal fee. The designs will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at their June 23-24th meeting.

V. Kathryn presented the first draft of the campus master land use plan which is being drawn-up by Rundell Ernstberger Associates. The drawing can be found at the FPC’s Oncourse site. Members are encouraged to forward their feedback to Kathryn so she can pass comments along to Rundell Ernstberger Associates. The final plan is expected to be complete by the end of the fall 2011 semester.

VI. At our last meeting we recommended that Raintree 217 (small classroom) be converted to a music room. This will allow us to move the music classes out of the Savannah seminar rooms 203 & 204
returning them to the campus for use for student organization meetings, department meetings and other events. However, the Chancellor does not want to spend $20,000 to have 217 soundproofed and remodeled. He asked if we should turn 217 into meeting room space which will cost less than converting it to a music room and leave the music classes in Savannah. After a very short discussion the committee agreed that Raintree 217 is not suitable for meeting space and we prefer to do nothing and keep music classes in Savannah. Linda Sharma requested Savannah 203 & 204 be available in the evenings and weekends. She also asked Kathryn to contact Lori Montalbano and ask that they not remove lounge furniture from the second floor of Savannah and take it into rooms 203 & 204.

VII. Derek Walter, ceramics professor requested that the two outdoor benches created by the ceramics students be moved into the lobby of Hawthorn. They have not done well in the winter weather. The committee agreed that the benches are not appropriate for the lobby of Hawthorn. Otto suggested that they be moved to Arts on Grant.

VIII. Several people on campus have expressed an interest in establishing a Dianne Cutler garden to honor Dianne and all the work she did for our campus. It was agreed that this must be an issue for the Development Office as it needs to be tied to private giving. The Development Office should contact the committee with one or more proposals that we can review.

IX. Kathryn said that VCs Malik and Pellicciotti will be reviewing the process by which FPC members are appointed and if they have recommendations for changes they will forward their thoughts to Chancellor Lowe.

X. The next Facilities Planning meeting will be August 5, 2011 at 9AM in Library Conference room 110.

Submitted by Kathryn Lantz