

# CAMPUS PLANNING COUNCIL

March 29, 2006 11:00 a.m.

Student Union North Fork Room

## Council Members

**Present:** Darrell Buffaloe, Denton Dance, Greg Horton, Shawnee Knapp (student rep), Tony Martin, Kevin Parker, Rene Rodriguez, Bill Stanton, Joe Steiner, Dennis Toney, Maher Wissa

**Excused:** Kevin Cleveland, Kevin Helgeson, Alba Perez, Tara Rowe, Sharon Sieber

**Absent:** Daniel Ames, Denise Bowen, Scott Campbell, Tim Shurtliff

Meeting called to order by Chair, Maher Wissa.

## I. Preliminaries

A. Announcements: 1) Nancy Frank is in the hospital; get well card distributed for signatures to send to her. 2) Introduction of Shawnee Knapp, student rep attending for Tara Rowe.

B. Approval of February 23, 2006, Minutes: Bill Stanton made a correction that he did attend the last Council meeting, but must not have signed the roster.

**MOTION** by Dennis Toney to approve minutes with correction; second by Bill Stanton; motion carried.

## II. Activity Reports

A. **Executive Committee:** 1) Fund raising for campus beautification: Maher Wissa stated that Dr. Kent Tingey is in full support of the program, but he was not able to attend the meeting today to discuss his ideas. 2) Representative to Strategic Planning Committee: Maher Wissa noted that the Strategic Planning Executive Committee is only a temporary committee, so he suggested to have a Planning Council member be on the regular Strategic Planning Committee. He stated we will discuss the issue at the next meeting when more members are in attendance. 3) Vision Statement and Priorities Survey: Tabled until next meeting as Scott Campbell not in attendance.

B. **Site Development / Circulation & Parking:** No Reports.

C. **Facilities Development and Capital Construction:** Chair Denton Dance reported: 1) The Rendezvous Building is on schedule. 2) Substantial completion inspection is scheduled for tomorrow on the Performing Arts AV System. 3) New Aquatic Center is in the programming and budget phase. Darrell Buffaloe stated the \$6.5 million of student funds for the project is only a conceptual figure; it could be as much as \$8 million in student funds. This cost is for the swimming pool. Students will need to take the issue back to the Student Senate to see if they want to continue the project at the higher level, to scale back the project, or to scrap the project. Don't know just what the cost will be. There has been a substantial increase in cost since the project was first started. An architect has been hired. Director of Campus Recreation (Doug Milder), the Student Affairs Office, and students are deciding what they would like to include in the project, which may include a new entrance, changes to the locker rooms, weight room, and building ventilation. Cost for renovations to the gym other than the pool come from other than student funding. More information will be available after a project meeting on April 24. 4) ITEC in Idaho Falls is in schematic design approval. 5) New boiler at the heat plant should be started up next week. 6) Frazier Hall renovation on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor should be completed this summer. 7) Education Auditorium renovation scheduled for this summer. 8) Replacement of fire alarms in two buildings (RFC and Library) is scheduled for this summer.

Darrell Buffaloe discussed the Idaho Falls Master Plan whereas, since ISU now owns all the land, the plan is to have all the academic buildings be south of the railroad tracks and the north part of the campus will be dedicated to research type facilities. There is a cooperative effort between ISU, the INL, U of I, and Boise State to develop the area for strictly research buildings. He also discussed a possible land swap at the Idaho Falls campus. The LDS Church is interested in trading 5 acres adjacent to the land owned by ISU, along the roadway entering the campus, with 3/4 acre of ISU grass area by the Bennion Student Union where they could build a one-story LDS Institute Building. The proposal is being considered.

**D. Facilities Access:** Chair Dennis Toney stated they have not had a meeting as there have been no issues presented to the committee.

**E. Space Management:** Chair Scott Campbell not in attendance, but committee member Bill Stanton noted they are currently researching the moving of classes to the Rendezvous Building and what to do with the vacated spaces. A major issue is getting the campus offices to accept the changes. He noted it does not look like KISU will be moving to the Liberal Arts Building as indicated in a past meeting. They have been meeting weekly.

**F. Energy and Water Conservation:** Chair Darrell Buffaloe reported the committee has not met as yet. They will not be using the Grants and Contracts Office for the mini-grant process, as it will be a simple process through the Physical Plant office. Shortly we will be announcing to the campus Requests for Proposals for the mini-grant applications. So far there has only been one grant of \$300 issued for a new refrigerator at the Physician's Assistance Program.

Tony Martin asked the status of the hydrogen project, as discussed in past meetings. Darrell Buffaloe responded it is still being considered, but will take a lot of money to make it happen. Chevron Energy Solutions (who is doing the energy performance contract on campus) has checked into the project and they indicated there is not enough payback in a reasonable amount of time at this point. However, the concept is getting more and more refined to where it may be feasible to convert the College of Engineering to hydrogen and placing two power cells (costing about \$½ million each) by the building. Windmills are about \$1 million each. He noted the idea is to produce hydrogen and use it immediately, not to store the hydrogen. Waiting on better technology on how to make the hydrogen.

**G. Historic Preservation:** Chair Sharon Sieber not in attendance, but Maher noted the committee did meet. Weskerna will email the minutes of their meeting to the Council members. Committee members Tony Martin and Darrell Buffaloe noted at the meeting they discussed having Gail Dial, Curator of University Art, gather items worth preserving, take photographs of the items and inventory the items, but need to discuss where the items can be stored. Bill Stanton noted will need to gather information from other campus areas, such as the Student Union and Photographic Services, who currently inventory historic items. Maher Wissa commented will make the minutes from the Historic Preservation Committee an attachment to the Council minutes.

**H. Campus Beautification:** Rene Rodriguez suggested to have Michele Pak from the Pocatello Historic Preservation Committee be a member of the committee. Darrell Buffaloe recommended Greg Horton as chair. The committee will include Greg Horton (chair), Tony Martin, Michele Pak, Bill Stanton, and Maher Wissa. Let Greg know if you are interested in being on the committee.

**I. Facilities Naming:** Ken Prolo not in attendance, but Maher Wissa discussed the recommendation of renaming the Rhodes Building, located on South Second Street.

**MOTION** by Darrell Buffaloe to approve the recommendation to rename the Rhodes Building to IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING RESEARCH COMPLEX. Second by Kevin Parker. Motion carried.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Posting of Unauthorized Materials on Walls and Doors:** Darrell Buffaloe discussed the history of the reason for the policy, and reported that Scott Campbell attended the Student Senate meeting to present the proposed policy. Weskerna will email the policy with the students' comments to the Council members for discussion at the next meeting. Greg Horton commented they have given the students two bulletin boards on the IF campus to post information on and the boards are checked regularly for inappropriate items.

**B. Way Findings:** Scott Campbell not in attendance; tabled until the next meeting.

**C. "ISU Spirit Rock:"** Discussion on whether to approve the Spirit Rock proposal, which was presented in the November 2005 meeting. Concerns on location of the rock and if painting of the rock will encourage persons to paint other campus rocks.

**MOTION** by Darrell Buffaloe to disapprove the spirit rock concept. Second by Tony Martin. Motion carried with one non-approval. Buffaloe will contact Nayland Olsen, who presented the concept, to see if he and his students would like to present a new proposal with a location determined and more details on maintenance and control of a spirit rock.

**D. GIS Map for Campus:** Maher Wissa reported they now have another student working on the map.

**E. Extension of Red Hill Trail Project:** Maher Wissa stated that Geomatics students completed the project design and the earthwork contractor has completed the "subgrade" work and surface material will be applied as soon as weather permit. He provided the design drawing for members review.

**IV. New Business:**

**A. Red Hill cleanup and enhancement project:** Maher Wissa discussed an email received from faculty member Thomas Klein concerned about the need for cleaning up and enhancing the Red Hill area, and that he is willing to help. Darrell Buffaloe commented we have had many volunteers do clean up projects on the campus in the past and can have volunteers, and Dr. Klein if he chooses, do this project.

**V. Next meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 11:00 a.m. Student Union Little Wood River Room** Chair Wissa reminded the Council members to submit the Priorities Survey information to Scott Campbell, if they have not already done so.

ADJOURNMENT at 12:05 p.m.

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Maher Wissa, Chair

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Anna Weskerna, Secretary