

University Planning Committee Meeting
11/9/2023
Virtual (MS Teams)

Committee Members:

*Bonnie Burr, Chair, CAHNR, Extension
*Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Engineering, Civil & Environmental (absent)
*Oksan Bayulgen, CLAS, Political Science
*Joanne Conover, CLAS, Physiology & Neurobiology
*Joe Crivello, CLAS, Physiology and Neurobiology (absent)
*Justin Rogowski, Law Library
*Mike Shor, CLAS, Economics
Tutita Casa, Neag School of Education
Mannat Kadian, Undergraduate Student
Sean Dunn, Undergraduate Student
Gladis Kersaint, Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio Member, absent)
Carl Rivers, Office of the Registrar
*Senate Member 2023/2024

1. Welcome
 - a. **Bonnie Burr** summarized what was discussed at the last meeting
2. Review & Acceptance of Minutes from 10/12/23 Meeting
 - a. The minutes were approved as written
3. Select ideas to follow up on and set subcommittees to work on ideas going forward. **Bonnie Burr** introduced the topic and solicited feedback from the group.
 - a. Ideas mentioned during the last meeting:
 - i. Sustainability: **Sean Dunn** discussed recent developments talked about in the last BOT meeting about carbon neutral goals. There is a rally to end fossil fuels coming up on campus.
 - ii. Mental Health and access to Mental Health Resources: **Sean Dunn** summarized his conversations with Suzanne Onorato and Provost D'Alleva and the idea of having a centralized building for all health resources for students rather than in different places across campus. **Bonnie Burr** asked for a committee member to reach out to Suzanne Onorato for an update; **Sean Dunn** will reach out.
 - iii. Transportation Safety & Crosswalks: **Sean Dunn** summarized conversation about the Transportation Plan and the study done by the consultants and noted that many recommendations from that plan have not been implemented or included in university transportation or safety planning. He shared that USG is putting together a proposal to change the pedestrian lights on Eagleville Road for safer pedestrian crossing (those that change immediately when the button is pushed). **Bonnie Burr** will reach out to find out more about this issue.
 - iv. Experiential learning and giving back to the community: Discussion ensued on prioritization of academic foci and the investment of resources accordingly. **Oksan Bayulgen** suggested reaching out to the Office of Outreach & Engagement to learn more about their work in this area. **Justin Rogowski** added

that the Law School does several clinics focused on experiential learning, which are open to all Law students. **Bonnie Burr** will reach out to the Office of Outreach & Engagement.

- v. Classroom scheduling during busy times of the day/week: **Carl Rivers** shared that there is ongoing work in the Registrar's office on this topic and initial analysis suggests that there is enough space, but it is not being utilized efficiently. As the Registrar's Office onboards CourseLeaf, there should be improvements made in this area. He added that additional classroom space will be coming online in the near future as well, which should help.
 - vi. IRB: **Bonnie Burr** raised this topic and the group discussed concerns over lack of transparency with conversations that may be happening on this topic with the SEC. It was noted that OVPR will present at the December senate meeting and touch on this; Bonnie Burr said she will also bring this up with the SEC.
 - vii. Career Dev. for Graduate Students: updates shared from the Graduate School regarding their mentoring program was recently presented.
 - viii. **Tutita Casa** raised concerns about the charge of this committee, its effectiveness, and how the work of this group fits into the greater structure of university shared governance – it seems a lot of discussion here is about work that is being done by other university groups, or that we learn is already being attended to.
- b. **Bonnie Burr** brought the conversation back to how this group can move forward on the topics that are a priority for the university community. Conversation ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.