

## **FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009 MEETING**

#### **I. Time, Location and Attendance:**

- Monday, May 11, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., GSB Conference Room
- Members Present: Scott Baker, Dennis Cesari, Curt Crespino, Saul Honigberg, William Morgan, Sullivan Read, Paris Saunders, Theodore Seligson, Bob Simmons, and Dean Ellen Suni. Bob Schubert attended on behalf of Staff Council.
- Members not Present: Shannon Blood, Melvin Davis, Larry Eisenberg, Bridgett Johnson, Ji Wei, Dean Lacey-Haun, Tom Mardikes, Daron McGee, and Thomas Stein
- Staff Present: Karen Lavendusky and Valerie Bennett
- Minutes recorded and submitted by Valerie Bennett, May 11, 2009

#### **II. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings**

- The minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting were approved with one change.

#### **III. Old Business -Proposed Agenda and Presentation by Bob Simmons**

- **Space Request Action for Applied Language Institute**  
This request still remains tabled until near term future space is located.
- **Space Request Action for Law School Small Firm Incubator**  
Dean Suni requests that an item for new business be added to today's agenda. She would like to be updated on the 4741-43 Troost property and the cities plan for the Global Climate Center. Bob states that he will give her an update at the end of today's meeting.

#### **IV. New Business**

- **Review of UMKC Sustainability Initiatives-Current Activities**  
- Waste Reduction Strategies  
UMKC has single source recycling just as the city of Kansas City does. Each person is responsible to dispose of recycled items in a recycle bin and empty these into the larger recycle containers. Not only is this the environmentally correct thing to do, it also decreases the need for as many trips to the landfill which in turn reduces the tipping fees required when dumping at the landfill. It also provides a cleaner and safer environment

on our campus. Our waste reduction strategy is only successful because of each one doing their part.

- Energy Management

Bob explains the itemized performance contracting upgrades and the need for getting old equipment replaced or modified.

- Green Purchasing

Current green purchasing includes the purchase of recycled content paper, recycled toner cartridges, using green cleaners by custodial staff and to purchase electric grounds vehicles. One of the goals for 2008 for green purchasing is implementing a comprehensive green purchasing policy campus wide.

- Transportation for 2008 and Beyond

Bob states that they would like to see new green vehicles for use on the campus, potential for student transportation, integrated staff and faculty to all have access to KC Metro bus passes, have more bike racks and amenities, and no cars on campus.

- Grounds Management

Installed 3 rain gardens in the past 2 years, partnership with Heartland Tree Alliance and participated with 75,000 tulips planted on Troost.

- Green Building

There are two new "green buildings" being constructed now on campus, the new campus housing on Oak and the new student union. These buildings are LEED certified buildings.

• **President's Climate Commitment- Handout Provided "American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment"**

This commitment was signed last year by President Foresee and the Chancellors for all four campuses. Bob explains the points of what this commitment means including:

- Within two months of the signing of the document, the university should create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan. It is Bob's opinion that the Facilities Advisory Committee, the Sustainability Team and in some ways the UBC fit this criteria for structures.
- Within one year of the signing of this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions (including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel) and update the inventory every other year thereafter. Bob states that this has been completed.
- Within two years of the signing of this document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral. Bob explains that only the action plan has to be in place within two years of signing the commitment. The action of the plan may not actually be fully implemented for 40 years. This is the most complex step of climate neutrality.

- Within two years of the signing of this document, identify 2 or more tangible actions from the ACUPCC list to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being fully developed.
- Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) for posting and dissemination.

## V. Other Topics of Discussion – Facilities Advisory Committee Charge

- **Facilitating the Updating of the University’s Master Plan and Development of Annual Capital Plans**

- Capital priorities for the renovation of existing space.
- Capital priorities for the addition of new space.
- Priorities for the utilization and reassignment of existing space.
- Working committee input to the Campus Master Plan updates.
- Priorities for the enhancement of the campus landscape, including the annual allocation of the Robert H. Flarsheim Campus Beautification funds.

- **Sightlines Presentation**

Bob uses a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Sightlines profile for UMKC. The profile examines 8 comparable schools to UMKC. Each are urban schools, have medical schools, similar technical complexity and size. The core issues that are studied are:

- 1) Young and technically complex profile;
- 2) Stewardship plan to match campus;
- 3) Capital spending priorities;
- 4) Maximizing effectiveness with service improvements; and
- 5) Operations performance.

Through a very interesting and highly innovative presentation, the committee is shown how UMKC measures up to the other universities. The campus profile reveals that over 50% of UMKC’s space is over 25 years old and the university is falling significantly short of the money required for needed maintenance and repair. This shortfall is now over \$100 million for critical updates and repairs and facility assessments have been conducted to show the severity of the shortfall. Bob also shares that our state appropriations for maintenance and repairs is always under the targeted amount.

Paris Saunders and Sullivan Reed each share their concerns for this shortfall and ask if there are other solutions or opportunities to increase the state appropriations. Dennis Cesari explains that this has been an ongoing problem, dating back to when he was working for the system and he worked hard to get more money allocated by the legislature. Even though they were able to make great strides with hard work then, it has been cut again since that time and it is always in “catch up” mode.

Scott Baker asked a question wondering if replacement of some maintenance items such as replacing old roofs with a green roof would help us to get additional state appropriated funds. Bob explained that there is not any “green money” designated by the State at this time. However, Katz Hall was close enough to the Green Impact Zone project that he did hope we could get some of the federal funding appropriated for this project for maintenance and repairs on it.

## **VI. Closing – Bob Simmons**

- Bob addresses the agenda item that Dean Suni requested earlier in the meeting. The Global Climate Center that Congressman Cleaver wants to bring to Kansas City is now in the planning stages. UMKC will be involved with the planning along with the Parks & Recreation division of Kansas City. The planning stages could actually take a couple of years. Dean Suni shares that the law school has formed an advisory committee since this project will involve the new space they just acquired (4741-43 Troost). The committee will decide if they want to continue to move ahead with the space and how much money to invest in it.
- Our next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2009 from 10:00-12:00 a.m. in the Administrative Center, Gillham Park room.

### **ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:**

1. Approved Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2009
2. Handout “American College & University President’s Climate Commitment”



AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

**American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment**

We, the undersigned presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities, are deeply concerned about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects. We recognize the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans. We further recognize the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80% by mid-century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish the more stable climatic conditions that have made human progress over the last 10,000 years possible.

While we understand that there might be short-term challenges associated with this effort, we believe that there will be great short-, medium-, and long-term economic, health, social and environmental benefits, including achieving energy independence for the U.S. as quickly as possible.

We believe colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality. Campuses that address the climate challenge by reducing global warming emissions and by integrating sustainability into their curriculum will better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society. These colleges and universities will be providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to address the critical, systemic challenges faced by the world in this new century and enable them to benefit from the economic opportunities that will arise as a result of solutions they develop.

We further believe that colleges and universities that exert leadership in addressing climate change will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty, attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities.

**Accordingly, we commit our institutions to taking the following steps in pursuit of climate neutrality:**

1. Initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible.
  - a. Within two months of signing this document, create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan.
  - b. Within one year of signing this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions (including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel) and update the inventory every other year thereafter.
  - c. Within two years of signing this document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include:
    - i. A target date for achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible.
    - ii. Interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality.
    - iii. Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.
    - iv. Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.
    - v. Mechanisms for tracking progress on goals and actions.

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2. Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being developed.
  - a. Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
  - b. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.
  - c. Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by our institution.
  - d. Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.
  - e. Within one year of signing this document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources.
  - f. Establish a policy or a committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where our institution's endowment is invested.
  - g. Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.
3. Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination.

In recognition of the need to build support for this effort among college and university administrations across America, we will encourage other presidents to join this effort and become signatories to this commitment.

Signed,

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President/ Chancellor Signature

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President/ Chancellor Name

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College or University

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Date

Please send the signed commitment document to:

Presidents' Climate Commitment  
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Boston, MA 02108

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