



Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Physical Facilities Annual Report 2021-2022

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Committee Meeting Dates: August 19, 2021; September 28, 2021; October 1, 2021; October 26, 2021; November 23, 2021; January 4, 2022; January 25, 2022; February 2, 2022; March 22, 2022 (Cancelled);
Next Meeting: April 19, 2022

Campus Spaces Meetings attended by two PFC Members on behalf of Committee: May 3 and 5, 2021; May 10 and 12, 2021; May 17, 2021; May 24, 2021; June 7 2021, June 14, 2021; June 21, 2021; July 12, 2021; July 19,2021; July 26, 2021.

Fiscal Planning and Budget Committee Meetings attended by Chair on behalf of Committee: May 21, 2021; September 24, 2021; October 22, 2021.

H-Street Redesign Committee attended by Chair on behalf of the Committee: 10/29/2021; 11/16/2021;

11/24/2021; 2/16/2022

Topics Covered in Interim Report December 2021 (Details available on Senate Website Interim Report)

HVAC Alignment Scorecard – Building Level

Filtration (HEPA and MERV 13) in residential and classroom buildings

Strategic Campus Facilities Master Plan (SCFMP)

H Street Redesign

Spring Topics and Actions Taken

Return to Campus Spring 2022.

VP Scott Burnotes briefed the committee on testing challenges during the break and decision to start the semester virtually. Waits at the testing centers were longer because of the weather and COVID-19 related absences. The appearance of the Omicron variant required quick actions, including accelerating the booster deadline and creating procedures for residential students to quarantine upon arrival.

The administration ordered 25,000 N95 masks which were to be distributed at testing centers.

Anticipating increased test positivity upon students' return, the administration entered into an agreement with a local hotel to provide increased housing capability should it be needed. Arrangements for isolation in residential halls were also described where this is possible. Approximately 150 singles and 250 doubles are available for isolation purposes.

The administration reported that DC guidelines for a 10 day isolation remain in place even though the CDC changed its policy to five days. A Clear Health App is being discussed to provide instant access to vaccination status.

The committee's questions to the administration included how to access N95 masks, prioritization, checking for fit of small, medium, or large masks for use in laboratories. The committee also requested a definition of who is considered a visitor with access to campus buildings. The committee discussed whether students might be sent home as was done in the prior year (no plans for this) and whether there will be service reductions should staff test positive and need to isolate.

Update on buildings

The HVAC Alignment chart, reported on last fall, was updated with latest figures as of January 24, 2022. The committee questioned whether the repair tickets that were closed actually solved the issue that was reported. Currently this level of data is not available, though the system is being upgraded to provide such. A large remediation project was completed at Amsterdam Hall over the winter break.

General services RFP.

Two vendors are currently in consideration, one having been eliminated already. Aramark and Donoho are the vendors. The goal is to select one in mid to late February.

New Zone Structure for Maintenance

There is an issue regarding work being done by external contractors rather than in-house, though this is being managed with a new system using zones across the university. Facilities are on a zone structure now instead of a shop structure, e.g., plumbing, electric. Now geography drives the needs, shops are across each zone, with a zone manager. The zone manager is responsible for quality control in their area. This includes monitoring of vendor work. Zones were implemented in the fall. Each zone is being monitored by a zone manager who is a GW employee. A report will be made to the committee next month.

The administration reported at a subsequent meeting that a third shift was added for maintenance crews, also working through the zone structure. Interdisciplinary training is beginning in conjunction with Prince George's Community College. A PowerPoint presentation was provided to the committee by Baxter Goodly. Zone maintenance will include self-generated work orders from maintenance personnel who know the buildings in their zone. It will no longer be necessary to wait for others to generate reports. This system brings the work closer to the maintenance staff. The committee had questions about oversight of the maintenance work, how much expertise will reside in GW employees and not only with external contractors, and how resources are distributed across the zones. Baxter reported that each zone team has long time GW employees as well as new hires.

Provisions are in place for cross-training of staff rather than single job roles like plumbing, etc. in favor of general maintenance workers.

H Street Design

The design competition has begun and there are three vendors invited to submit. The committee will be kept apprised of the process as it unfolds. Currently, two vendors are providing responses to the design committee.

Update on classroom level data

John Traub is working with the administration to create an alignment scorecard similar to the building level one that is already in place. He will be completing the list of classrooms, and the administration will provide updated data as projects are initiated and completed. A question was raised about lecture capture camera upgrades in classrooms. This question was referred to the Educational Policy and Technology committee of the Senate.

Upper Room Germicidal Ultraviolet (GUV) in classrooms

A new technology is being investigated by the administration to help with indoor air quality in buildings. The committee decided to create a subcommittee to meet with the proposed vendor. The subcommittee has met twice and will be testing several pieces of equipment in identical classrooms with heavy usage in late spring and summer courses. The data acquired through the testing process will be used to determine any further action on this new technology.