



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Physical Facilities Interim Report, Academic Year 2022-2023

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Committee Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 8th, 2022

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

Thursday, November 10th, 2022

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

Fall Topics/Actions Taken:

The September meeting convened with an overview on the status of various summer projects by Baxter Goodly and Adam Aaronson. Numerous Residence Halls including Thurston, Dakota, Potomac, 1959 E, Fulbright, JBKO, South Hall, Mitchell and Shenkman Halls are in various stages of upgrade and/or refurbishment.

Many Academic and Administrative buildings, chiefly Himmelfarb, Ross, Smith, Corcoran Gallery, Gelman Library, Duques and the Law Library received or were in the process of infrastructure upgrades.

Additionally, multiple buildings are in process for HVAC and/or Utilities upgrades, including Lerner, Townhouse Row, Burns Law Library, as well as the Elliott School and Ross Hall elevator units. The anticipated completion of most projects is estimated to be in early October. It was noted that global supply chain delays have added to the parts acquisition timeframe in several sectors. By request of the Committee, an update on the ongoing construction in the Corcoran School of the Arts + Design was given by Adam Aaronson, principally focused on envelope and HVAC work, exterior moat repair, and roof repair. Corcoran (Flagg Building) is the only GW owned building with both an exterior and interior historic designation, hence adding to the complexity of scope of work. The Committee's questions also moved more broadly on how Building Assessments are completed and prioritized; how classroom level concerns are addressed both locally and in long term planning; and how building records are kept and how and if Facilities should prioritize this in conjunction with Building Lifecycle Assessments.

Baxter Goodly presented an update to the Committee on the General Services Provider, noting that Aramark has held this contract for over forty years, and ABM was selected from nine bidders to replace on August 1, 2022.

Seth Weinsel (AVP, Business Services) gave the Committee an update on the status of campus Housing and Dining Services. Seth noted the large incoming class size, as well as the successful re-opening of Thurston Hall and the replacement of washer/dryer units across campus. They also plan to work on mail and package distribution. Questions were raised concerning how large class sizes might impact the efficacy of future renovations.

It was noted that Chartwells Higher Education would be contracted to handle the GW Dining Plan, as well as ongoing supply chain issues that could impact both consumables and equipment. Thurston and Shenkman Dining Halls were delayed, with the expectation of opening during the month of October. Seth commented that an additional Dining Hall will need to be built to serve the entire Foggy Bottom population in the near future. Per questions from the Committee, it was also noted that food cost increases pass to Chartwells, with an Inflation Cap in agreement that is passed on to GW.

Mark Reeves presented the Committee with an update from the GuVC Subcommittee, formed in AY 21-22. Notably, two pilot units were installed in the USC symptomatic testing center, with four additional sites for future pilots. Mark noted that the MAG and Public Health has been involved, and thus far there are positive indicators to the efficacy of the GuVC unit.

[September Meeting Minutes and PowerPoint Presentations](#)

The October meeting convened with a Resolution presented to the Committee in support of new Residence Halls. Presented by Eric Grynaviski, as a co-authored resolution in collaboration with the Education Policy & Technology (EP&T) Committee. It was noted that this would occupy the adjacent lot next to Building YY, and the need was also prefaced for additional dining spaces. After discussion and deliberation, motion was passed with unanimous consent, with proviso that any amendments from the Educational Policy & Technology Committee may require an additional approval vote by the Committee.

By request of the Committee, Baxter Goodly gave the committee an update on the status of the Virginia Science and Technology Campus in Ashburn, VA. Questions regarding space usage and long-term plans were raised, as well as COVID and safety measures and issues of dining access. It was noted that Leadership is examining ways to increase the usage of the Ashburn campus, with no firm plans at the moment.

The final item, opened by Eric Grynaviski, involved a discussion on lines of communication between Facilities and the GW Community. A general sense of concern was raised by the Committee, as well as several specific recent instances of communication issues. Many questions and comments were raised concerning how building and maintenance issues are raised and addressed; Points of Contact for each building, division or school; how emergencies are addressed internally; and the need for agile day-to-day communication. Vice Provost Murphy noted that the MPA Building Renovation slated to begin December 2022 was working on pre-emptive communication strategies, which might be modeled for other long-term systems in the future.

[October Meeting Minutes](#)

[Resolution in Support of a New Residence Hall](#)

The November meeting convened with updates on the Dining Halls, as well as the GW Campus Master Plan (CMP.) With the Thurston Dining Hall open, it was noted that the food was high quality, although some issues are occurring with access and wait times. The opening of the Shenkman Dining Hall (S23) should alleviate some of these concerns. Questions were raised regarding the viability of the dining halls for social activities, as well as engagement with Faculty and Staff, the latter of which may be a point of discussion in the future.

With many new members joining the Physical Facilities Committee this year, an update was given on the status of the Campus Master Plan to familiarize the Committee with its current state. An overview of the primary topics was given, which includes both Foggy Bottom and the Mount Vernon campus. While the presentation of timeline for work extends through 2029, it was noted that the CMP in its current iteration is on hold, although individual projects may be in various stages of the planning pipeline.

The Committee raised many questions, particularly regarding scope of work; focus on the Ambulatory Care Center and integration of CCAS into a single building; and current status and cost. The Committee voiced concerns regarding lack of clarity with an academic plan, loss of classroom space, overall cost and level of community consultation, and other large-scale action items. The scope and role of the Committee in regard to the CMP was also tabled; it was noted that the current

CMP might be used as a case-study for any future long-term campus planning. Discussion of the CMP is slated to continue into the scheduled PFC Meeting.

The meeting concluded with Committee discussion surrounding the examination of new business, and whether Sub-Committees should be created in advance of full Committee involvement. John Traub shared his work in AY 21-22 regarding Room-Level Data compilation in regard to Maintenance tickets and response and noted the movement by Facilities to the “Zone” model of Facilities response in the future. Mark Reeves updated the Committee on the current state of GuVC, noting particularly strong pushback from Faculty in regard to safety concerns, with many public health variables outside the scope of immediate control. Updates from Baxter Goodly were tabled for the December meeting.

[November Meeting Minutes](#)