



**The Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Physical Facilities
Interim 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.

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 and 11/24/2021.

Issues Discussed/Actions Taken

The main focus of the August and September meetings was the administration's HVAC Alignment Scorecard which was based on the 2019/2020 consultant report on HVAC maintenance and enhancements to buildings. The assessment included equipment, controls, environment, agility (periodic flushing) and domestic hot water tests.

Following this, all Foggy Bottom campus buildings were put into a spreadsheet at the request of the Senate, and that spreadsheet will show the maintenance and enhancement schedules as they are completed. Building level mitigation measures are part of the university's overall safety efforts which include the vaccine mandate, testing, monitoring for public health, masks indoors, and controlling campus access. The Physical Facilities Committee (PFC) also added a separate spreadsheet which will be at the classroom level, across all GW owned and/or operated buildings, and will also be maintained regularly.

The main focus of the October meeting was a review and examination of the processes followed for mold mitigation following the discovery of mold in Townhouse Row, which necessitated removing students into temporary housing while the administration managed the building issues. The administration reported to PFC the actions that were taken on Townhouse Row before the students moved in, and these included analyzing the fan coil units, replacing as needed, and cleaning; this same process was followed for the 12 convectors, 60 thermostatic VAVs, 14 air handlers, one makeup air unit, and 22 exhaust fans. All were tested and confirmed to be in proper operating mode. The mold incident began on August 31, by September 2, an external hygienist conducted an in-depth assessment, and on September 5, Environmental Health and Safety identified further incidences of water infiltration and mold in multiple units. The administration stated that by September 5, all necessary work had been identified in Townhouse Row.

N.B. Following the Townhouse Row incident, additional reports of mold were made across campus. The administration noted specific problems in places such as Amsterdam Hall. They informed the committee that there continues to be outstanding mold-related tickets in residence halls and academic spaces.

HEPA Filters. The administration provided a timeline for the installation of HEPA filters which had been noted on the August report. Portable HEPA filters were installed in all residential lounges and academic classrooms within those buildings without MERV 13 capabilities; this was reported to have been done before the first day of classes.

MERV 13 filters were retrofitted beginning in the fall of 2020, and continue to today. The schedule for maintaining these is also included in the spreadsheet which was mentioned above. Both building level and classroom level spreadsheets will be updated and monitored by administration and the PFC.

Campus Master Plan. During several fall meetings of the PFC, the new Strategic Campus Facilities Master Plan (SCFMP) was reported and discussed. See Attached. The SCFMP was also presented to the full Senate by EVP and CFO Mark Diaz. The plan generated considerable discussion, both in PFC meetings and in the full Senate. As a result, [a joint resolution was drafted by PFC and Fiscal Planning and Budget Committee and was adopted by the Senate in November.](#)

H Street Redesign. A committee was constituted with input from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the chair of PFC was appointed as a member. Two meetings have been held, with the intent being to design guiding principles and a vision statement that will be provided to potential competitors interested in collaborating with the university on the project; no time frame has been settled upon for actual building of this segment of the SCFMP. PFC was briefed on the current status of this competitive process.