

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Meeting of September 1, 2010
McKenna Auditorium
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Members present: John Affleck-Graves, Panos Antsaklis, Robert Bernhard, M. Brian Blake, Seth Brown, Thomas Burish, Laura Carlson, Rev. John Coughlin, O.F.M., Greg Crawford, Darren Davis, Megan Dillhoff, Rev. Tom Doyle, C.S.C., Nick Entrikin, William Evans, Stephen Fallon, Judy Fox, Mary Frandsen, John Gaski, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Stuart Greene, Austin Holler, Dennis Jacobs, Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., A. Graham Lappin, John LoSecco, Kelly Martin, Chris Maziar, John McGreevy, Nell Newton, William Nichols, Susan Ohmer, Mike Oliver, Hugh Page, Cathy Pieronek, Donald Pope-Davis, Joseph Powers, Ava Preacher, John Robinson, Jim Seida, Cheri Smith, Catherine Soler, Ann Tenbrunsel, Cynthia Weber

Members and Observers excused: Dennis Doordan, Umesh Garg, Lionel Jensen, Peter Kilpatrick, Michael Lykoudis, Robert Mundy, Greg Sterling, Julianne Turner, Carolyn Woo

Observers present: Kevin Barry, Dale Nees, Harold Pace, Warren vonEschenbach

Guests: Kevin Abbott, Jon Crutchfield, Xiaojing Duan, Gregory Hakanen, Doug Marsh, Heather Tonk, Paul Turner

1. Welcome and opening prayer: Father Jenkins opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m., welcoming members, and invited Professor Don Pope-Davis to give the opening prayer.

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Introduction of new Council members:

Father Jenkins introduced and welcomed the new members to the Council. He also thanked returning members for their continuing service to the Council, noting the university values the important work done by the Council's members.

4. Election of Executive Committee:

Father Jenkins, noting that the main order of business is the election of members to the Executive Committee, introduced Kevin Abbott, OIT, who conducted the voting process. Abbott introduced the OIT team of Paul Turner, Jon Crutchfield and Xiaojing Duan; the team was present to manage the web technology called Poll Everywhere, which was used for the voting process. This technology has been used in classrooms during the past two years.

In two stages of voting, the following members were elected to one year terms on the Executive Committee: Laura Carlson, John McGreevy, Panos Antsaklis, Ann Tenbrunsel, and Hugh Page.

Father Jenkins thanked the five for their willingness to serve.

He then named three appointed members, whose selection represents an effort to maintain a balance on the Committee of representation across the Colleges and Schools. The three are: Nell Newton, William Evans, and A. Graham Lappin.

5. University Master Building Plan Update: Doug Marsh

Father Jenkins introduced University architect Doug Marsh, who presented a brief update on recently completed and ongoing campus construction projects. Marsh reported that numerous summer 2010 remodeling and renovation projects were successfully completed, with an expenditure of \$ 8.5 million over a 12-week period.

Marsh gave a slide presentation covering the major construction projects. Recently completed and soon to be dedicated buildings include Stinson-Remick Engineering Building and Biolochini Law Library. Stinson-Remick was recently certified a LEED gold building, the third such at Notre Dame. This designation indicates that a multitude of design and construction practices were implemented to minimize negative building and activity impacts on the environment. During construction, every effort was made to both conserve and preserve resources.

Marsh also presented brief reports on buildings currently under construction. These include Carole Sandner Hall, which will house the ACE program; move-in is anticipated for May 2011. It will include an inviting commons space, Remy Commons, which will provide an interactive area for students and faculty to gather. Harper Hall is also nearing completion, and will be occupied by ND and Indiana University medical school researchers. The Compton Family Center construction began this summer. This building will be the home of the Hockey program, with two sheets of ice, providing both campus and community users with a spacious and multi-use new space.

Some projects which have entered the planning and/or design phase include Stayer Center for Executive Education, which will be located near Mendoza College of Business and new university facilities in Rome which be home to a variety of university study abroad programs.

Marsh noted that links to project updates as well as live web-camera links can be found at the Office of the Architect's webpage. Marsh introduced Heather Tonk who provided a brief update on campus sustainability projects.

Tonk was recently appointed the Director of the Office of Sustainability. Her report focused on two topics: why sustainability should be practiced and what can be done to implement practices.

Sustainability is important to the university because of its Catholic identity, since sustainability is an important issue for the Church worldwide. Among other concerns, Tonk stressed that environmental degradation is particularly harmful to the poorest peoples. In addition, sustainability makes concrete economic sense and is one measure used to rank higher education institutions.

Implementation on campus includes several academic initiatives such as the development of an Energy minor and a Sustainability minor, both in the College of Science. Freshmen can now choose a Sustainability option when fulfilling their Contemporary Topics requirement. Tonk's office is auditing laboratories to assess sustainability and has plans to work with each College to craft sustainability agendas.

In addition to these academic initiatives, the annual Energy Week is being planned, and sustainability will be a special focus of the campus celebration of the Feast of St. Francis this year. More generally, efforts are underway to heighten awareness of the campus community to energy efficiency, waste reduction, and recycling. The university announced this week the commencement of a campus relationship with the company Zipcars, which will provide a method for community members to reduce individual dependence on automobiles. Zipcars are available to all university members, including undergraduates who are 18 years or older.

Tonk noted that in her first year in office she will be identifying where more impact can be made in sustainability efforts on campus. She welcomed contact from any faculty, and invited new ideas for sustainability.

Greg Hakanen, Director of Asset Management and Development, gave a short update on the ongoing redevelopment of the Northeast Neighborhood. He said Phase Two of the redevelopment project will be getting under way soon, in the 3rd of 7 development zones. Kite Realty is the organization which has made a reality of the redevelopment vision crafted from input by the university, neighborhood residents and other stakeholders. The university is 'thrilled' with the results.

Hakanen detailed the commercial residents in various units of the Eddy Street Commons, noting the percentage of occupancy in the various elements. Two restaurants have opened in the previous month, Kildare's and The Mark. Notre Dame has moved its Development and Investment Offices into two floors of office space in the complex. Apartment units are also available; those at The Foundry have a loft conversion design and are high-end units. The limited service hotel, Fairfield Inn, opened for service in June, 2010. Beyond the hotel, City Homes is also open. These homes are three level townhouses. Ownership of the row which fronts Edison Street was retained by the university, by officer and trustee request. These units will be used to house transitional hires and on occasion new faculty. The nine are occupied for Fall, 2010.

In the next phase, Kite has yet to define the terms of use, although it is expected that the focus will shift somewhat to residential over commercial development. The plans for the old Triangle residential zone anticipate affordable single family detached homes of a modest scale (1100-2400 square feet) of which 70% will be offered at market rate, and 30% at an affordable rate. Redevelopment of the "5 points" area will be undertaken, dependent on city zoning.

Father Jenkins thanked the presenters for this update and invited questions and comments. On whether there will be additional parking added when the Executive Education building is

completed, Marsh said that during construction parking will be impacted, and after construction approximately half the current parking will be reinstated; there will no additional parking. Professor Powers stated that the process of negotiating the current recycling bins in LaFortune is difficult. Tonk agreed and said that signage will be completely redone soon, based on new information from the Chicago recycling center which has established that 'everything' can be recycled except food and liquid waste. Tonk said this should streamline the process for users. Ms. Preacher particularly thanked Marsh's team for responding to requests to keep sidewalks clear of construction machines and workers. Marsh said constant monitoring is the current standard, but he welcomed notification of any construction blockages that incommode the campus community. He said this is 'still a work in progress' and a priority for his office. Prof. Evans complimented the architect's office on the 'spectacular' new chapels in Stinson-Remick Hall and Eck Hall of Law. Marsh welcomed the praise, noting that the chapels represent a huge team effort. A representative of the Student Government applauded the redevelopment of Eddy Street, reporting that students love the new area, making extensive use of the eating establishments for meals and as gathering spaces.

Prof. Mary Frandsen discussed ongoing problems during the summer of extreme temperatures in Crowley Hall. The erratic fluctuation of temperatures above 80 degrees is harmful to the many pianos in the building. Professor Frandsen noted that the Music School currently spends about \$10,000/year on piano tuning; the temperature conditions could result in increased need of tuning. She noted, too, that office temperatures are as high as 85 degrees in the evenings of the summer, creating difficult working conditions. John Affleck-Graves responded to these issues, saying, first that any problems being experienced such as this concern about extreme temperatures affecting the pianos should be addressed directly to him; this is a serious problem which needs immediate resolution. He said he would 'push back' a bit on high evening temperatures in offices, noting that the expense of heating/air conditioning an entire building for the comfort of one or two evening users has proved economically prohibitive. He noted that this decision follows the practice of peer institutions, focusing on both money savings and energy savings.

Father Jenkins thanked all for their questions, and noted that the Council will take on important work during this academic year. He thanked members for their service.

As there was no new business, members adjourned to subcommittee meetings.