

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2006

Members Present: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Thomas G. Burish, John Affleck-Graves, Dennis Jacobs, Jean Ann Linney, Christine Maziar, Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., Don Pope-Davis, Panos Antsaklis, Charles Barber, Seth Brown, Austin Collins, James Collins, Tom Cosimano, Mary Rose D'Angelo, Kenneth DeBoer, Neil Delaney, Nasir Ghiaseddin, Graham Hammill, Chris Harris, Michael Jenuwine, Colin Jessop, Kelly Jordan, Michael Lykoudis, Joseph Marino, Jim Merz, Robert Nelson, Patricia O'Hara, Hugh Page, Mark Roche, Maura Ryan, Valerie Sayers, Susan G. Sheridan, Richard Taylor, Scott Van Jacob, Carolyn Woo, Jennifer Younger

Members Absent: Steven Buechler

Members Excused: Stephen Fallon, Umesh Garg, James McAdams, Ram Ramanan, Jennifer Warlick, Bill Westfall

Observers Present: Capt. Mike Neller, Harold Pace, Daniel Saracino, Dennis Brown

Observers Absent:

Observers Excused: Kevin Barry, Mary Hendriksen, Don Wycliff

The Reverend John Jenkins, C.S.C. called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., then offered a prayer.

1. Minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2006: The minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2006, were approved unanimously.

2. Election of the members of the Executive Committee: Prof. Linney explained the procedure for electing five members of the Council to the body's executive committee, noting that the committee also includes various *ex officio* members—for example, the chair of the Faculty Senate—as well as three members appointed by Fr. Jenkins. After balloting, members elected to the committee were: Profs. Panos Antsaklis, Neil Delaney,

Hugh Page, Valerie Sayers, and Carolyn Woo. Fr. Jenkins then announced his appointees: Profs. Umesh Garg, Patricia O’Hara, and Maura Ryan.

3. Announcements by Fr. Jenkins: Fr. Jenkins spoke briefly about the deans’ and officers’ retreat, held this past July. The group focused on two issues, he said:

(1) making further advances towards Notre Dame being and being perceived as a premier research university—advances that must occur without detracting from Notre Dame’s identity as a truly great undergraduate institution; and (2) enhancing the distinctive Catholic mission of the University. Fr. Jenkins said that he will elaborate on both issues in his address to the faculty September 26. Provost Tom Burish will take these issues up as well in his October address to the faculty.

4. Presentation by Douglas Marsh, University Architect: Douglas Marsh, University architect, gave an overview of progress in the University’s master plan, approved by the Board of Trustees four years ago. See <http://architect.nd.edu/campusplan.shtml>

Mr. Marsh first highlighted two projects that were completed recently: Jordan Hall of Science and, on the north edge of campus, the Engineering North Nanotechnology Research Building.

Nearly complete, he said, is the task of closing Juniper Road to traffic. There is still one more phase remaining of the project—“erasing” all remnants of the road and then reorganizing the parking lots in that vicinity by expanding the number of “B” parking spaces, giving Legends designated parking of its own, and removing the parking in the Joyce Center area. When complete, a much friendlier pedestrian plaza will exist throughout this entire stretch of campus.

As for projects in the next phase of construction, Mr. Marsh named:

(1) Notre Dame Commons: There will be some further reconfigurations to the open space on the south end of campus, near the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, so that this area will be the true “front yard” of the campus.

(2) Eddy Street Corridor: The vision here is to have a community within walking distance of the campus that will provide opportunities for dining, shopping, housing, and employment. Mr. Marsh noted that 18 families have bought or constructed homes along Notre Dame Avenue and adjacent streets—a fact many might not have believed possible five years ago. In fact, there is only one lot still available at this time in this area, although the University is working on acquiring additional properties. Mr. Marsh said that the success of the University’s housing program on Notre Dame Avenue indicates great potential for the neighborhood as a whole.

(3) Long term, the plan calls for a fine arts and music facility, including an art museum, near the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

(4) More short term, Mr. Marsh said, is construction of the new Law School building. The same firm that designed and constructed the Jordan Hall of Science, S/L/A/M Collaborative, will execute the plan for the new Law building. It will be an 85,000 to 90,000 square-foot addition that will extend south of the existing structure onto the former post office site. Virtually all Law School classrooms and offices will move into the new facility, leaving the library in the existing structure. While plans continue to evolve, Mr. Marsh said, he expects to begin construction within a year.

Mr. Marsh then noted other projects on the drawing board:

- The Engineering facility to be located on Notre Dame Avenue, on the current University Club site. The University hired BSL Life Structures of

Indianapolis, with much experience in highly technical buildings, for this building's construction. Two years of design planning will precede an estimated construction date of August 2008, with construction to take two years.

- A new executive education center, to be built immediately south of the Mendoza College of Business, is now in the fund development stage.
- New residence halls. Mr. Marsh explained that the University has just completed an 18-month study of the future of residence life, particularly as it applies to undergraduates. The study included surveys, focus groups, and visits to other universities. Mr. Marsh said that while much now existing in residence housing and residence life at Notre Dame is the envy of our peers, what is lacking is space. Study lounges have been made into rooms, triples made into quads, and quads made into quints to accommodate student demand. The necessity now is to uncrowd the halls. The plan is to build between 750 and 1000 new beds over the next several years. The first new residence hall will be immediately west of McGlenn Hall—with a timeline that calls for a two-year construction period. Plans also call for two new halls in the northeast sector of campus.
- A new hotel on a site near Saint Mary's Lake
- Replacement of the Stepan Center
- Expansion of the power plant
- A new softball stadium

Mr. Marsh invited all members of the University community to visit the

University Architect's Web site, <http://architect.nd.edu/>, which has a PDF version of the campus master plan. They will find much information there on the vision for the campus and the values incorporated into all campus planning and construction.

There being no further business, Fr. Jenkins adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ann Linney

Vice President and Associate Provost