Purpose of the Buildings and Grounds Committee: The committee should be aware of all projects posted on the facilities website. The duties of this committee are to consider and recommend suggested campus improvements regarding campus buildings and grounds, including traffic, parking and safety issues, classroom maintenance and housekeeping, campus beautification, and other special requests involving the physical plant of the University. Recommended improvements will reflect a sustainable, functional, aesthetically pleasing, safe, and cohesive campus environment. Recommendations passed by the Faculty Senate will be forwarded to the executive vice President, the senior vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Provost.

I. Committee Membership

College of Science – Dan Abel (Chair for 2016-2018)
Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts – Julinna Oxley
Kimbel Library – Ariana Baker
Spadoni College of Education – James Davis
Wall College of Business – Christopher Becker/Janice Black
University College - No representative
Non-voting Students (2) – No representative
Ex-Officio - Director of University Projects and Planning - T. Rein Mungo
Ex-Officio - Public Safety Officer – Did not participate

II. General Information

Dan Abel was re-re-elected Chair for the 2017-2018 year (no other committee members were eligible). The Committee met during the Fall semester on November 1, 2017 and during the Spring semester on March 16, 2018. At both meetings Director of Facilities Management and Planning Rein Mungo provided an overview of the Facilities Management Progress Report (which he provided to the committee) and answered numerous questions from the members. These progress reports are several pages long, and a review of the specific projects is beyond the scope of this report.

Julinna Oxley volunteered to be was and elected chair for the 2018-2019 academic year.

In addition to clarification questions about ongoing and planned projects the Committee discussed the following issues:

1. The role and purview of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was reviewed. The committee originally served as a liaison to USC in Columbia to keep them apprised of campus buildings and grounds issues. It has since evolved to its present role

2. Amy Hill of the Biology Department addressed the committee about the use of campus areas for field trips. She will work with Rein Mungo and Sally Clarkson to devise ways of ensuring that wetlands and other natural areas on campus remain available for the Biology Department to use for on-campus field trips.
3. The chair asked Associate Provost Sallie Clarkson to approve sending the regular *Coastal Carolina University Facilities Management Progress Report*, which is the most comprehensive listing of ongoing campus maintenance, building, and grounds projects, to the chair of this committee for distribution to committee members. Instead she suggested we use the newly upgraded Facilities website, which will have a list of “active major capital projects.” As chair, my recommendation is to follow Ms. Clarkson’s recommendation, but ask Mr. Mungo to see the above-referenced report if more detailed information is required.

4. The Chair of this committee continued to serve on the Zen Garden Committee, as well as the Strategic Management Committee.

5. We did not have representation from Public Safety in the 2017-18 academic year. They were invited but did not respond. Additionally, University College is not represented, and there was no student representation. This may be something the committee looks into in the next academic year. Having a representative from Public Safety has always been invaluable to the committee.

6. Other topics of discussion included CCU’s presence in the south strand, campus parking, the east campus, sustainability items (campus sustainability & climate action plans), and preserving natural areas on campus (e.g. through a tree-cutting moratorium).

Submitted by

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