Campus Planning Commission Minutes  
Monday, November 6th

Members Present: Hunt (Chair), Holverson, Barnet, Nzegwa, Wein, Rawling (Secretary)

The meeting started at 11:15.

Motion to Approve Minutes Passed Unanimously (Holverson, Seconded by Barnett)

Doug Stephens, Campus Planner, was unable to attend and therefore no update of current and future projects occurred.

Members discussed roles and expectations of the commission by reviewing the Purpose and Duties from the 2006-2007 employee handbook (available at http://www.uwplatt.edu/university/documents/Emp_Handbook/current/Part3/university/planning.html). For at least the past twenty years there has been little or no “campus planning” conducted by the Campus Planning Commission. Instead, the majority of time at most meetings is consumed by briefings of ongoing projects. Members reviewed the “Purpose and Duties:” of the commission as listed at the above website and the following was noted:

1. Periodically reviews and, in consultation with the Academic Planning Council, proposes revisions in the Master Development Plan.
2. Consistent with the Plan, originates, promotes, coordinates, and evaluates campus facilities and/or improvement projects. No commission member has ever seen or can remember the commission seeing the Master Development Plan.
3. Coordinates campus environmental development, the environmental assessment of proposed projects, and related activities with the Environmental Impact Committee. This has not happened recently and members note the chair of the EIC is also a member of this Commission, but has not in recent memory attended meetings.
4. Coordinates campus safety and security projects, policies, and procedures in consultation with the Safety and Security Committee. This commonly occurs at meetings.
5. In consultation with the University Senates, recommends to the Chancellor appropriate names for buildings and areas. This has not happened in recent memory even though several buildings and areas were recently named.

Holverson recommended three options for proceeding: 1. continue with the status quo and have no impact, 2. approach the administration with suggestions for including the commission in future campus planning, or 3. make planning without the administration. All present agreed that the best route would be (2), however before approaching the administration an effort will be made before the next meeting to contact the committees mentioned above.

The next meeting will be December 6 at 11am in Room 156 of Pioneer Tower.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 (Holverson, Seconded by Barnett)

Respectfully submitted by Dr J Elmo Rawling 3rd