

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
January 20, 2010  
142 Gerberding  
10:00-11:30 AM

**Meeting Synopsis**

1. Approval of Minutes for Nov. 18, 2010 Meeting
  2. West of 15<sup>th</sup> – West Campus Plan  
Kirk Pawlowski, Asst. Vice Provost, Capital Resource Planning, Office of Planning & Budget  
Kateri Schlessman, Sr. Planner, Capital Resource Planning, OPB
  3. Capital Budget Request – Governor’s Budget – Restore the Core  
Colleen Pike, Director, Capital Resource Planning, OPB
  4. Adjournment
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**Call to Order**

Council chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved without changes.

**2. West of 15<sup>th</sup> – West Campus Plan**

**Kirk Pawlowski, Asst. Vice Provost, Capital Resource Planning, Office of Planning & Budget**  
**Kateri Schlessman, Sr. Planner, Capital Resource Planning, OPB**

Charles Kennedy introduced the West of 15<sup>th</sup> plan, saying that the Provost had designated a committee to look at issues in the area in a holistic way, with the UW Tower, new construction, a light rail station, and more coming to the area. Kirk Pawlowski emphasized that the idea is to look at it as the general west of 15<sup>th</sup> street area, not “west campus”, with acknowledgement that development will occur in the area but not by UW alone.

Kateri Schlessman gave a presentation on the work group’s efforts [*summary attached – Appendix A*]. Pawlowski added that UW intends to be at the table and participating, working together with the City of Seattle and Sound Transit to create a new district and framework.

Following the presentation, council members made comments and suggestions:

- Some people have security concerns with living in the University District; the University Circle area in Cleveland would be a good model to follow
- There is not young family housing or daycare; look to MIT’s program to employ spouses of grad students in providing daycare
- Without a local public school of sufficient quality, desired residents won’t come.
- To improve bicycle access, look at ways to bike from place to place on campus, and place restricted access bike paths on proposed green streets
- The SmartGrid program could mesh with water and energy cycling and not just the electric grid
- Campus Parkway presents an opportunity, but many cars use it, so care should be taken with any project that would restrict it

- The new light rail station coming to Husky Stadium will result in more members of the UW community living south of campus; UW should explore commercial opportunities outside the station
- There is further commercial opportunity with the north link light rail expansion, and more time to prepare
- One way to support families in the neighborhood is enhance connections across/under I-5, as there is a lot of family-friendly infrastructure in Wallingford
- The flows of people are resources, as they will spend money while moving from point A to point B.

Kennedy mentioned that in all the workshops, the case studies used pertained to an urban setting, including some issues mentioned by council members. As a new UW president comes on board, it would be good to get a feel of their leadership around issues like this, because they can take a lead role in changing things.

### **3. Capital Budget Request – Governor’s Budget – Restore the Core**

**Colleen Pike, Director, Capital Resource Planning, OPB**

Colleen Pike presented the capital budget request that was submitted to the Office of Financial Management in September. She explained that the outcome isn’t yet known, but that they prioritized preservation of existing facilities. Also included was support for UW Bothell and UW Tacoma future phases.

Pawlowski added that there was very little capital spending in the governor’s budget. He also spoke on the issue of the UW building account, funded by students, being appropriated by the legislature. In the last legislative session, there was a bill that would have allowed for UW to have authority over its building account, which would allow for the funds to be counted as revenue and would increase debt capacity. Although supported in the House of Representatives, the bill died in the Senate.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes by Craig Bosman, Faculty Council Support Analyst

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**Present:**

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| Faculty:              | Rorabaugh (Chair), Chizeck, Gates, Little, Treser |
| Ex Officio:           | Goldblatt, Walker, Zuchowski, Coslett             |
| President’s Designee: | Kennedy   |
| Guests:               | Kirk Pawlowski, Kateri Schlessman                 |

**Absent:**

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| Faculty: | Ozubko, Proksch |
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### Summary West of 15<sup>th</sup> Presentation

*The presentation represented a concise summary of a recent Provost-charged work group's efforts. In three concise workshops, work group members were asked to explore current opportunities for future development in the area west of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The work included three parts: examination of existing conditions and review of national case studies, development of key observations, and a conceptual exploration of key potential capital and social investment opportunities by the University of Washington, our neighbors, and community partners.*

*Visitors from across the nation provided insights to existing collaborative university and community development efforts. The process clearly identified transportation management planning (including pedestrian and vehicular flows, housing, and EcoDistrict planning: district-wide planning for sustainability at both the infrastructure level and the human level (sustainable life styles, economy, and access to education) as key to extending and sharing the "in-the-family" UW discussion with our community neighbors and future partners in building a vibrant and healthy community West of 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Existing Influences**

City of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan linkage with UW priorities: Sustainability, Energy, Urbanism, Health, Technology

State and Federal Influences: Current economic climate, research growth, move toward green infrastructure

UW Influences:

- Purchase of the UW Tower
- Occupancy of approximately 4 million gsf west of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (owned and leased)
- More than 70,000 people coming to campus a day
- Future opening of Light Rail on Brooklyn Ave.
- Investment in Student Housing
- Impact on "University District" demographics

### **Key Observations**

#### **Enhance the UW's missions with an inspired setting around the existing campus**

1. Identify education, teaching and research "infrastructure" West of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
2. Make West of 15th a recruiting and retention asset for the City and the UW
3. Ensure West of 15th is clean, safe and green every day
4. Contribute to basic community needs of shelter, food and healthcare

#### **Engage the community to enable actions**

5. Engage the City of Seattle in a strong joint working partnership
6. Establish an advisory forum of diverse community stakeholders
7. Explore education, teaching, and research opportunities West of 15th



**Incent physical development to support UW and our community partnerships**

8. Influence land use and development patterns to facilitate flexible mixed use
9. Develop a sustainable business transportation management plan
10. West of 15<sup>th</sup> to catalyze a model “Eco District” partnership
11. Develop working partnerships with private and not-for-profit entities

**Ensure compelling results**

12. Establish community performance indicators for West of 15th
13. Implement initiatives through multiple and innovative approaches to management, investment, outreach.

**Key “Investment” Opportunities**

- A. Unlock recreational opportunities on and near the waterfront
- B. Make the University Bridge Gateway a dignified neighborhood/district gateway and major public-private employment center
- C. Re-invent Campus Parkway as a key open space amenity for campus and community
- D. Develop 43<sup>rd</sup> and Brooklyn Streets as major green neighborhood streets enhancing walking and biking.
- E. Identify community housing development opportunities
- F. Identify the next 10+ years of opportunity to grow public-private student-oriented housing
- G. Prioritize infrastructure systems investments to promote eco district ecological system use
- H. Improve 15th Avenue corridor and key campus entrance nodes
- I. Grow University Academic Partnerships – College of Engineering with industrial partners, College of Environment with NOAA, the UW Center for Commercialization, and others in multifunctional space.