Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013
Safety and Facilities Committee
FGCU Planning and Budget Council

Location: AB-5 #210
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Present:
- Steven Moore (Co-Chair), Chief, University Police Department
- Tom Mayo, (Co-Chair), Director, Facilities Planning
- Dr. Mike Rollo, VP, Planning & Budget Committee Representative
- Joe McDonald, Asst VP, Business Services
- Dr. Rich Behr, Dean, College of Engineering, Deans Council Representative
- Dr. Hulya Yazici, Faculty Representative
- Dr. Margaret Banyan, Faculty Representative
- Pat O’Connor-Benson, Academic & Event Technology
- Jim Hehl, Director, Physical Plant
- Ruth Rodriguez, Director, Campus Reservations
- William Blood, Assoc. Director, Athletics
- Amy Swingle, SAC Representative
- Jordan LaCrosse, SGA Representative

Absent: Jennifer Baker, Office of Provost

Meeting Summary:

1. A guided tour of the Buckingham property was led by Dennis Nourse in place of the March meeting. Ten persons participated. The tour was an overall drive around the property with stops and a walking tour of selected buildings.

2. New business, Agenda item 3d regarding the FGCU funding for LeeTran route 60, was moved to the top to accommodate Dr. Banyan. She lead the discussion by suggesting that alternate ways of funding route 60 and improvement of the route is investigated. It was noted that other commercial entities are serviced by Route 60, yet FGCU was funding a large percentage of the costs. Since the SFC had a hand in the Transit Commitment to begin with and as this commitment appears in the Campus Master Plan, she also stated the Master Plan should serve as a “guide” in these issues, driving any future or continuing agreements with the County/Lee Tran.

3. There was additional discussion about the actual number of FGCU students that use route 60. Earlier stated totals do not seem consistent with a ridership data Dr. Banyan acquired from her contact at LeeTran (copy attached). There was also discussion regarding the distinction between the number of trips verses the number of riders. A trip is defined as, “one person getting on the bus, OR one person getting off.” Therefore, a single rider who boards and then gets off at his destination is counted as 2 “trips” for that day.

There was also a comment that Gulf Coast Town Center, gated communities, and FGCU all pay for their own independent shuttle services, but FGCU is the only neighborhood entity funding LeeTran service. Perhaps there is opportunity to bring neighboring beneficiaries of Route 60 into an agreement to help fund the route. The question was asked whether other entities, exempt from Ad Valorem taxes the way FGCU is exempt, pay toward LeeTran service through their own County Development Agreements. Has FGCU historically been the only one contributing?
4. Old Business-

a. (Emergency Guide) - has been placed on the UPD and EH&S websites. No further feedback has been received.

b. Covered walkway policy. Chief Moore discussed the draft University Policy on covered walkways on campus. Many comments had been received regarding safety concerns surrounding skateboards/longboards, and other vehicles. Questions regarding enforcement met with responses that everyone would be responsible for enforcement of the policies. Concerns remain for what the riders do not see, such as people coming out of buildings and blind corners. Additional questions regarded the kid carts run by the FRC, and even pedestrians with strollers. Overall opinion is this is not a bad process; even the SGA is supportive of this policy.

c. DHS video & pocket guides – these are available on the UPD website.  
   http://www.fgcu.edu/UPD/activeshooter.html

d. Questions regarding classroom locking door? Specifics are difficult, but all materials and resources state to go inside, lock the door, hide, etc… Jim Hehl talked to Simplex regarding a campus lockdown (but not yet a policy). He added the ability to lock the room remotely could be done on the hard-wired systems, but then you are either locked in or out, and also – who is at the controls. This has a lot to consider.

   Jim added this is one of the things that should be considered, planned, designed, and budgeted before building – decide what features you want. Adding systems like this afterward are much more expensive.

5. New Business

Buckingham planning: Tom Mayo suggested looking at the task differently – investigate ways to generate revenue to help repair the infrastructure and facilities. This will really be a 20-year process – how do we get ideas? Many ideas were mentioned: Criminal Justice, Police Academy classrooms, Body farms. Amy Swingle commented Campus Rec could use more accommodations for overnight camping – people are willing to pay for… 1st – need equipment & staff… Pat recommended a cost analysis/business plan; Questions regarding focal point – what is the process? What is the endpoint? (Committees charged with doing work, then nothing… projected use? What is the critical need for the University?

A suggestion was made to prepare an informative presentation of the property and to present it to various segments of the University community. This may help other groups see opportunities for their area to interest and offer ideas.

One comment from the Land Forums: we need to know what things are not possible.

We also need to understand when we will run out of space on the main campus.

It was reiterated our charge is to brainstorm and to provide ideas - come up with concepts. This is not a full master planning exercise. That will come later.

It was asked if any other Committees have been charged with the same task. If so, which ones are they and should we coordinate our efforts.

Tom stated he would ask the PBC about other Committees and request their advice regarding solicitation of ideas from the University community.

6. NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2013; 3:00-4:00 Edwards Hall (AB5 – 210).