University Resources Policy Committee

Minutes from Thursday, March 13, 2014, 3:30-5:00 PM, AGAD 128

In Attendance: ?

I. Old Business (None)

II. Review of Campus Safety Procedures Brought About By Shooting Earlier in 2014, by Carol Shelby, Senior Director, Environmental Health and Safety

Shelby reported that her office has received positive and constructive feedback on the response to the shooting incident in February. She mentioned though that they felt they had been “lucky” because the shooter gave himself up after the initial shooting. She mentioned that technologies were helpful for sending the word out. However, there were issues with overloading the website and phrasing such as “shelter in place” that were not understood. The technology is being improved and more education is being implemented about what to do when an emergency happens. Generally, though, information was sent out quickly and people did what was expected. This allowed the security personnel to get into place quickly. She mentioned that training is available for faculty and staff at the Police Station. Safety officers can also make visits to departments. She was asked about locking doors, and she replied that campus-wide automatic door locks have been considered and rejected. However, they are looking into the possibility of adding locks to some doors on request.

III. Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan by John Collier, Director of Campus Planning.

Collier described the bicycle and pedestrian safety plan that is being outlined by consultants. He showed how specific routes will separate pedestrians and bicycles, while keeping bicyclists safe from car traffic. He discussed the possibilities of covered bicycle parking, especially in parking garages. He also talked about using peer-to-peer methods for spreading information about pedestrian and bicycle safety. He showed a website in development that is dedicated to bicycle safety. He also discussed a more aggressive effort to remove abandoned bikes. Then, he showed the initial plan for converting State Street into less of a thoroughfare. He presented a consultants’ plan for changing State Street from River Road to campus and further into campus.

IV. Recruiting new URPC Chair—The outgoing chair mentioned that we need to locate a Chair of the URPC for the 2014/2015 year because the current chair has reached the 6-year term limit in the Senate.

V. New Business (None)