University Resources Policy Committee

Minutes from Thursday, April 10, 2014, 3:30-5:00 PM, AGAD 128

In Attendance: Doug Nelson, Steven Johnson, Pam Aaltonen, Keith Stantz, Michael Cline, Michael Fosmire, Richard Johnson-Sheehan (Chair)

I. Old Business (None)

II. Review of 10-Year Capital Plan by Ken Sandel, Director of Physical and Capital Planning

Ken Sandel reviewed the 10-Year Capital Plan, which had been developed by the Capital Coordinating Committee in coordination with the deans from all colleges. The presentation, “Capital Improvement Budget Request,” reviewed the history of state funding, illustrating how state appropriations have fallen considerably short of the university’s needs for capital maintenance and improvement. Sandel also demonstrated how improvements to energy facilities are being funded through savings from energy efficiency due to the Campus Energy Master Plan (CEMP). He speculated that similar kinds of savings could support capital projects in the future. He then reviewed priority projects that are projected for state support. These projects include 1. Agriculture and Life Sciences Facility, 2. Vet Complex Relocation, 3. Interdisciplinary Research Facility, 4. North Campus Classroom Facility, 5. Library/Classroom (Hicks), 6. Life Sciences Testing and Research, 7. Pharmacy Building, 8. Heavilon Hall Replacement, and 9. BSL-3. He discussed the short- and long-term funding possibilities for these projects, all of which look promising with support from the state legislature. He also discussed Renovation and Restoration (R&R) priorities, which is now projected to cost $30 million, while state funding is only $7 million. Sandel was asked about furniture in classrooms. He replied that funding for furniture can be obtained through a “matching funds” program with facilities. He was asked when construction “would ever end” on campus. His answer was “never” because of the on-going needs of an aging campus. He was asked about the impact of so-called “dynamic” classrooms and online classrooms. He speculated that teaching methods would need to change to match new teaching environments.

III. Recruiting new URPC Chair

Michael Fosmire, Vice Chair, nominated himself as 2014-2015 Chair of URPC. The committee voted to confirm him by unanimous voice vote.

IV. New Business (None)