

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on Campus Operations
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CO.03.01 2002-2003 Annual Report

As of the drafting of this report, the Senate Committee on Campus Operations (SCCO) had met six times during the 2002-2003 academic year. One additional meeting is scheduled for May. Some of the issues before the SCCO were carried over from previous years. These issues include campustown improvements, campus safety and crime prevention, the South Farms Project, oversight of campus classroom and laboratory remodeling and renovations, classroom reassignment, campus parking, and the Research Park. Recent issues include traffic flow on Wright Street, the Campus Emergency Plan, the duration of construction projects on Campus, pedestrian traffic, deferred maintenance, and campus quality of life, and its use for attracting the best possible students, faculty and staff.

Invited guests included Officer Tony Ortiz, Division of Public Safety; Peter Siegel, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Provost; Bob Todd, Associate Vice President for Administration & Human Resources; Steve Schomberg, Associate Chancellor; Chris Rogan, Project Manager, Campus Planning, Construction & Maintenance; Bill Volk, Managing Director, Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, Thomas Costello, H. George Friedman, Cynthia Hoyle, and Pam Voitik; and John B. Parks, Director, Research Park, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. Margaret Krol, Assistant Vice President, ERP Implementation, UI Integrate, has been scheduled to speak at the May 2 meeting, after the drafting of this report.

Liaison Members to Several Campus Committees

Campus Planning, Construction & Maintenance Advisory Committee — Michael Andrejasich has been serving the past year as the SCCO representative.

Facilities Planning Committee — Michael Andrejasich has been attending Facilities Planning committee meetings representing the SCCO for 2002-2003.

Information Technology — George Francis

Parking/Transportation Committee — Michael Andrejasich, Ted Hymowitz, and Henrique Reis

Pedestrian/Traffic Safety Committee — Rahim Benekohal

Public Safety Advisory Committee — William Bullock has attended Public Safety Advisory Committee meetings on behalf of the SCCO for 2002-2003.

Officer Tony Ortiz, Division of Public Safety, "Crime Prevention and Risk Reduction Strategies" (September)

Ortiz reported that there has been a lot of concern regarding personal safety since September 11th (2001); more University faculty/staff/students are taking courses in safety than he has seen in his past 15-years with the UIUC Campus Police Department.

There are four risks of Personal Safety: Risk Awareness, Risk Reduction, Risk Recognition, and Risk Avoidance. Most crimes against personal safety occur near a bar. We can actually protect ourselves by recognizing a bad situation; it is up to us to get in a mind-set of survival. Ortiz said that the Police learn their basic survival information from the criminals as they look for body language. Over the weekend he was on duty for both UIUC and the Chicago Bears football games played on Saturday and Sunday respectively. As a Police Officer, he knows to be a people watcher as the troublemakers have an attitude.

Ortiz explained how our heart rate accelerates when a criminal yells or when we become fearful for our lives. The victim freezes, stress level goes way up; stress may push one's heartbeats from 60-80 beats per minute to 220 beats per minute. He suggested to committee members to pick up the book by Gavin DeBecker, "The Gift of Fear." Ortiz went on to describe some items that would aid in protecting ourselves such as whistles, noisemakers, and pepper spray. He did stress that there are many protection items available such as guns that require special training.

Peter Siegel, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Provost (October)

Siegel gave an overview of his position as Chief Information Officer pointing out that there are presently three items of concern under his consideration: 1.) Budget impact; 2.) Leadership issues; and 3.) Policy issues. The Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) works with the campus community broadly to develop a vision for the role of information and educational technologies in academic life, to identify strategies for fulfilling that vision, and to work jointly with the colleges, departments, campus units, and the university as a whole to implement that vision.

Siegel reported there has been a recent sixteen percent growth in network use. Also, he has recently held many informal discussions (650 people in 25 different presentations) regarding the network. It has been decided that there will not be individual direct charges to faculty members as previously thought as it could decrease the innovative use of the network. Although it is not presently on the table, it is possible that there will be direct charges for administrative and auxiliary units by FY 2004.

Chris Rogan, Project Manager, Campus Planning, Construction & Maintenance — “UIUC Campus Wide Central Chilled Water System” (November)

Rogan presented an update on the UIUC Campus Wide Central Chilled Water System indicating that there are three phases: 1) Distribution of piping in the ground; 2) Building a new chilled water plant on the corner of Oak Street and South Stadium Drive; and 3) Converting many building systems to accept chilled water. He distributed maps of the campus that illustrated both existing piping and planned piping. The members held a discussion with Mr. Rogan sharing concerns resulting from this construction. Rogan estimated that the piping distribution should be finished by April 2004.

Steve Schomberg, Associate Chancellor — “South Farms Project” (November)

Mr. Schomberg distributed copies of a handout indicating the intent and objectives of the South Farm Project and proceeded to give an overview of its progress. He explained that the research facilities are no longer adequate and do not match with the work being done there. With the recent construction growth south of town, it became necessary for the University to tell the community its boundaries required for state needs and public good. The area located south of Old Church Road to Airport Road will provide plenty of room for the University to grow. The South Farms Project will be completed in several phases.

Bill Volk, Managing Director, Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District — “Transport Alternative Study” (February)

Mr. Volk remarked that the MTD would like to move to a different level of transportation. Champaign-Urbana, with a population of 100,000, is seen as a small transit intensive city. In an area where the transit system is heavily utilized, the goal is to provide a high level of service to the community. That makes for 50 buses per hour going down Wright Street, 40,000 rides per day; 25% of the population takes the bus or rides a bike to work. A balanced transportation system can meet not only the mobility and accessibility of needs of citizens, but also enhances the livability and environmental health of the community. Volk remarked that even though we often view our community as crowded and driving in a bottleneck, people visiting the area view our community very positively. As a result of the Campus Transportation Survey, we want to strengthen the core, by improving pedestrian safety and bicycle access.

MTD is proposing a new transportation system that contains modern, efficient, high capacity vehicles. The committee recently toured several cities (Portland, Oregon; Caen, France; Orleans, France; Strasbourg, France; The Phileas, Bus Rapid Transit, the Netherlands; and Lohr Industries, Translohr) with feasible transportation systems to get an idea of what is available. Volk referred to the book “Rise of the Creative Class” by Richard Florida and remarked that the Champaign-Urbana area needs better amenities. It is estimated that a new light rail system would cost about \$300 million (\$20 million per mile).

Robert Todd, Associate Vice President for Administration & Human Resources — “Deferred Maintenance” (March)

Todd reported that the University has recently completed a “deferred maintenance” audit review of all our facilities. He explained that if a roof is supposed to last 25 years and 30 years have already past and we have not yet done any repairs, the building falls into our deferred maintenance system. He distributed copies of *A Report on The Condition of the Capital Facilities Inventory at the University of Illinois, Chicago • Springfield • Urbana-Champaign*, part of a presentation that Stephen K. Rugg, Vice President for Administration, made recently to the Board of Trustees.

The University spends a lot to construct a building with hopes that it will last 100 years. However, they are never able to set aside enough money to maintain a building. The University administers an "eyeball inspection" and the ranks and prioritizes the repairs needed. We presently have a deferred maintenance of \$617 million. Todd explained that academic programs come first and present budget cuts will affect any future repairs.

Vice Chancellor Colbert's Remarks

Vice Chancellor Colbert continues to update the committee on campus goings-on. At the November meeting, Vice Chancellor reported on Phase II of Campus Town Renovations, Sixth Street between Healey and Daniels, will be completed by late spring or early summer. Phase III, which continues the renovations on Green Street east to the rail road, was being considered.

Reports by Jack Dempsey, Director of Campus Planning, Construction & Maintenance

At the October meeting, Dempsey reported on the following:

- Temporary parking is now available in a lot on the east side of the Engineering Quad in preparation for the upcoming construction of the new North Parking Deck.
- Governor Ryan was on campus recently showing support of state funding of \$126 million towards construction of three new projects: NSCA Building (National Center for supercomputing Applications), PGI (Post-Genomic Institute), and expansion to the Microelectronics Lab.
- The Facility Condition Assessment Report containing repairs of over \$300 million will go to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- A project is in the works to install emergency lighting in campus building stairwells at a cost of \$54 million.

In December, Dempsey reported that Abbott Power Plant is back to burning coal; the expansion of the plant is going very well and on schedule. By this time next year, the plant will be making all the power needed for the campus. Next week they will be putting two new turbos in place. Dempsey suggested that he schedule the committee for a field trip to the Abbott Plant in the near future.

At the March meeting, Dempsey reported that his department is in the "throws" or re-organization. Charles Colbert will be retiring soon and the largest portion of his portfolio will still report to the Chancellor but in different ways. He also mentioned that as a result of 9/11 and impending war, the campus is prepared is go to *Code Red* at any time.

John B. Parks, Director, Research Park, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (April)

Mr. Parks gave his third presentation to the committee as a status report on the Research Park. He reported that he and his staff had just moved into the Incubator. There are now over 315,000 square feet of buildings completed or presently under construction; three buildings completed and two currently underway.

Abbott Power Plant Tour

At the April meeting, Michael K. Brewer, Power Plant Mechanical Engineer, gave committee members a tour of the Abbott Power Plant.

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