

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Senate Committee on Campus Operations
Annual Report for 2013-2014
(Final; Information)

The Senate Committee on Campus Operations (SCCO) will have held four committee meetings during the 2013-2014 academic year (Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and May 12); two spring 2014 meetings were canceled due to severe weather and schedule conflicts. Details of the committee's discussions may be found in the meeting minutes. The following is a summary of the most significant issues tackled by the committee this year.

- *Interactions between F&S and units.* The committee welcomed Al Stratman, the new Executive Director of Facilities and Services. Fruitful discussions related to deferred maintenance issues, resources and funding to support campus facilities, and renovations of specific buildings were held.
- *Sustainability.* Evan Delucia, the new Director of the Center for a Sustainable Environment, discussed the activities and goals of his office. Mid-year, Ben McCall, chair of the Campus Operations committee was appointed as Associate Director for the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and the Environment, and became the *ex officio* designee for Evan Delucia. Nancy O'Brien was approved by the academic senate as chair of Campus Operations for the remainder of the year. Olivia Webb, Vice Chair of the Student Sustainability Committee, and others provided regular updates about the student review of funding requests and approved projects from student sustainability fees. The student committee provides thoughtful investment in campus sustainability projects.
- *Instructional space.* Reports from Kristin McMurray, Associate Registrar for Facility Management & Scheduling, provided background about the assignment of instructional space and proposed upgrades to scheduling software. Of special concern to the committee is meeting current needs as well as providing support for new pedagogical methods, such as the flipped classroom.
- *Deferred maintenance.* Doris Reeser, Capital Maintenance Planning Coordinator, provided a presentation of campus needs regarding deferred maintenance. She explained the Facility Condition Index (FCI) and noted that in 2007 the FCI was at .24 and had decreased to .16 in 2013. Due to new construction and renovation projects the decrease in the FCI is somewhat misleading, and the committee suggested that an assessment needs to be undertaken again. There was general agreement of the importance of continuing the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA) student fee to support deferred maintenance projects. In addition, the Senate Executive Committee asked the Campus Operations committee to prepare a report regarding deferred maintenance and the amount needed for annual investment. Chair Ben McCall and members Gary Kling and Nancy O'Brien formed a subcommittee to review and discuss the issue. A report was prepared and submitted

to the committee for its consideration. Due to severe weather, the meeting at which the report was to be discussed was canceled and will be discussed at a future time.

- *Parking.* Edward Slazinik, Director of Auxiliary Services, presented an overview of the finances and challenges of Parking. He described the master plan for parking as well as sources of revenue and needs for improved infrastructure.
- *Pedestrian safety.* Stacey DeLorenzo, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, provided information about pedestrian safety and the proposed expenditures for street repair to make needed improvements. Committee members expressed concerns about educating pedestrians and cyclists on appropriate interactions with vehicles. Ms. DeLorenzo indicated that some of that information is included in the student handbook. Others mentioned that MTD buses also had a campaign about visibility for pedestrians and cyclists.
- *Future topics.* The committee will submit its report on deferred maintenance to the Senate Executive Committee once approved, and pursue issues related to campus operations during the next academic year.

Committee on Campus Operations

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