



MOORPARK COLLEGE

Campus ENVIRONMENT Committee

NOTES

April 21, 2020, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Skype Conference Call

Topic	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions, Membership – John Sinutko welcomed members and began the meeting via phone.</p>	
<p>2. Discussion of Previous Meeting Notes – the committee approved the notes from the March 17, 2020 meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Reports • Facilities Update – J. Sinutko</p> <p>Gym Renovation – final punch list items are still being completed for this project, daily, while the building is occupied. However, Grounds crews are finished with plants and landscaping on the south side of the building.</p> <p>Outdoor Kinesiology Classroom – this project’s second phase is currently in progress.</p> <p>Campus Wayfinding – one aspect of this project (the replacement of the marquee at the main campus entrance) remains under review at the DSA. Members of Facilities and Technology CAP, as well as upper administration, are currently reviewing the list of possible names suggested by students for internal paths and walkways.</p> <p>Snack Bar and Nearby Restroom Replacement – vendors are being sought for this project, but there may be a COVID-related delay in their response time due to amended office hours of several businesses.</p> <p>EATM Lion Habitat – this project may see its completion in late May or early June. Mesh is schedule to arrive on May 18th.</p> <p>Physical Science Mass Spectrometer – awaiting the arrival of necessary ductwork for this project.</p> <p>Performing Arts Main Stage Rigging Repair – theater crews did not strike the scenery onstage yet, so this will need to be done before work can begin.</p>	



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<p>Stadium Lighting Repair – three out of four lights have arrived for this project; the fourth is on the East Coast awaiting shipment.</p> <p>District Solar PV Paneling – the recurring conference call for this project was cancelled for today, but work may still go forward during the summer if campus remains closed to students.</p>	
<p>4. Old Business – there has been no word from the VP’s Council about the Nature’s Finest additional gardening plan, most likely due to delays and precautions resulting from the novel coronavirus. In the meantime, Grounds crews are monitoring growth and abating weeds in the area. Water had been turned off during recent rains, but irrigation can now be resumed.</p> <p>James Polluck emailed committee members an initial draft of the newest campus sustainability plan. Highlights included the discussion of lessening campus energy consumption through increased battery storage and more LED lighting conversions. John Sinutko also pointed out that the ongoing use of a trash compactor has reduced the trips required of garbage trucks by half of what they once were. Brian Sherman added that the college’s conservative water usage translates into less energy needed to pump water through irrigation systems.</p> <p>Eric Lopez mentioned the fact that recycling information needs to be more widespread, due to the fact that a lot of trash is still being deposited in recycling-only bins. A ride share program may also be difficult to implement in the near future due to the presence of COVID-19; this led to the suggestion that a “Challenges” section be added to future drafts of the overall campus plan.</p> <p>The committee was highly in favor of the plan’s mention of “sustainability education” among its highlights. This could take the form of offering healthier snack and beverage choices, resuming the composting program, and establishing a culinary arts program that would make nutritious food available campuswide while restoring some use of food service facilities. The suggested implementation of a “requested topics / comments” link on the committee’s website, and the addition of Zoom or Skype capabilities during committee meetings, was also welcomed as a step toward increased student involvement.</p>	<p>James Polluck will make revisions to the campus sustainability plan during the remainder of this week, and will continue to ask fellow students for input; he will also mail an updated plan to John Sinutko prior to Monday, April 27th.</p>



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<p>5. New Business – it was suggested that the Hollywood Junipers currently on the north side of the Gym be removed and smaller hedges planted in their place, as they currently create a mess in the area and they block most of the light from newly installed windows. Their encroaching roots are also threatening damage to underground utilities. Possible replacement plants, grasses or shrubs should be emailed to committee members, with encouragement toward student input as well. Students should also be asked for suggestions for a new campus focal point as an alternate to the fountain.</p> <p>Brian Sherman added that regarding plants, perhaps a focus should lean more toward Mediterranean species than strictly California natives, as several Mediterranean varieties have been adapted to the local area and, in some cases, fare better than native plants that do well in a greenhouse environment but do not thrive outdoors.</p>	<p>The committee will make a goal of planting additional sustainable trees during the upcoming fiscal year.</p>
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	

HANDOUTS
Meeting Agenda – April 21, 2020
Meeting Notes – March 17, 2020

MEETING CALENDAR 19-20 3 rd Tuesday at 1 p.m. , PCR
2019: 9/17/19, 10/15/19, 11/19/19
2020: 1/21/20, 2/18/20, 3/17/20, 4/21/20

RECOMMENDING STRUCTURE	CHARGE AND OR SOURCE OF AUTHORITY	MEMBERSHIP (Voluntary)
<p>Campus Environment Committee</p> <p><i>Subcommittee of Fiscal Planning Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ monitors issues related to campus use, development, and environment ▸ recommends aesthetic enhancements to the campus ▸ encourages responsible environmental practices ▸ allocates the Campus Improvement Fund 	<p>CHAIR(S): John Sinutko / Karin Johansson <u>2019 - 2020 MEMBERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Mark Clements ▸ Katharine Boyd ▸ Steve Timmons ▸ Brian Sherman ▸ Eric Lopez