UPAC Business Meeting  
Miami University  
May 12, 2015  
Benjamin Harrison Room – 3rd Floor Shriver Center

Lisa Dankovich called the meeting to order at 8:59am  
Members present:  Lisa Dankovich - Chair, Sue Sepela - Co Chair, Jeff Triplett, Crystal Ford, Lou Haines, Donna Boen, Janet Cox, Lori Tanzer, Jon Reardon, Matt Cable

Following UPAC members excused from meeting: Cindy Lewis, Sarah Thacker, Jeremy Davis, Tom Stork

Guest Speaker: Robert Bell, Project Architect/Manager. Mr. Bell’s team started reviewing MU’s housing concerns starting in 2009 and he and his team have been diligently working on the current project since 2011.

The Housing Master Plan is a project that is the campus. There are 41 existing residence halls that are very spread out and of a certain size. With 7100 students on campus, the largest hall (Morris) houses around 325 students and is a first year residency hall. MU really needs 7200 beds but will not implement a significant increase due to consideration of the town of Oxford.

Some of the challenges facing his team involve the need for more beds than anticipated, the need to minimize MU’s carbon foot print, and the delivery method of services in order to comply with state regulations. In order to implement the plan, to minimize disruption, and to promote efficiency of scale thus leading to a better quality of project, MU decided to take a whole quad off line.

Existing problems with housing involves outdated facilities, small quarters, facilities at the end of a useful life, and quite simply, not enough beds. Once finished, not all the residence halls will return to residential status as some will be destroyed, some converted to administrative spaces, and some converted to classrooms.

What changed again? MU needs even more beds; financing issues arose as money became more difficult to borrow, the projects’ costs are going up, and MU needs another new site upon which to build.

Why need more beds? Upper class students want to stay on campus bringing the total to around 8000 students who wish to live on campus with only 7100 to 7200 beds available.

Long range planning is on a continual basis with team members from the Campus Planning Committee, the City of Oxford, the Dean’s facilities committees, the community, the University President, among others.

I. Human Resources Updates
   a. Personnel – Cindy Lewis – no report

   b. Academic Personnel – Janet Cox - There is an internal search for Academic Affairs Assoc Provost. Candidates should have rank of professor with tenure.

   c. Ray Gorman is retiring June 1.

   d. All reports regarding progress of 2020 Metrics are due to the Board of Trustees by June.

   e. Interviews going on for Dean of CAS.
II.

III. Subcommittee Updates
   a. Networking Luncheons — Donna Boen — no update
   b. Benefits — Jon Reardon — no update
   c. University Senate — Lou Haines — Michael Kabbaz presented and his topic/speech was very similar to the one presented at our last UPAC meeting. Rebecca Luzadous for Budget Planning discussed MU ultra-dependency on tuition revenue and our practice of discounting tuition to attract the top students. All academic buildings need to be modernized but STEM fields will receive more state funding. MU needs roughly $10 million to help with modernization of other academic buildings.
   d. I Am Miami — Lou Haines — no update
   e. Academic Policy — Tom Stork — no update
   f. Council on Diversity & Inclusion — Sarah Thacker — no update
   g. Regional Update — Sue Sepela — CPSAS will be graduating 303 students on Sunday with the following degrees: Assoc. of Applied Business = 22; Assoc. in Applied Science = 35; BS in Applied Science = 56; BS in Criminal Justice = 24; BS in Information Technology = 21; BS in Nursing = 79; Bach. of Integrative Studies = 66. The regional campuses have four bachelor’s degrees at the Board of Regents awaiting state approval. The campuses have also begun work on bachelor’s degrees in five traditional areas (PSY, ENG, HST, BIO, COM). If all goes according to plan, the regional campuses will offer 17 bachelor degrees by Fall 2015. Our first Master’s Degree (a Master’s in Criminal Justice) was approved by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting.
   We have increased our on-line offerings to almost 15%.
   For the first time, the Office of Institutional Research, with help from the Regional Campus Dean’s Office, has collected educational and career placement information for the 2013-14 CPSAS Bachelor’s degree alumni. This project resulted in educational placement data for 100% of the alumni and career placement data for 63% of alumni (excluding those who were enrolled in graduate/professional school). As of Fall 2014, 88.3% of the 2013-14 alumni for whom we had data were either employed or enrolled. In two of the CPSAS programs, Criminal Justice and Engineering Technology, the placement rate was 100%.
   h. Campus Planning — Jeremy Davis — no updates

IV. Old business

V. New Business
   a. 2016 UPAC Recruitment Efforts — we have 8 names of individuals who are interested. We’ll meet again on May 26th to review applicants.

VI. Announcements:
   a. June 9th meeting will be in Marcum 112
   b. July 14th meeting our guest speaker will be Mike Pratt, Regional Dean
   c. Discussion continues regarding potential speakers

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Suesann Sepela, Vice-Chair