Agenda Item | Discussion | Action
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1 Review Committee Charge | • KKrein reviewed the charge of the committee, and responsibility for shared governance of the MPIC committee
• Committee members represent broad groups across campus; each member is responsible for sharing information to groups they represent
• There will be three MPIC meetings this semester in an effort to look at efficiencies in planning budget and space due to state budgetary concerns | |
2 Receive suggested changes to Master Plan | • Committee members did not have suggestions for changes/improvements to the Master Plan.
• Discussion: falling oil prices are a large factor for planning capital improvements. MCiri asked what does 25% budget reduction look like for our campus? What are our capital plan aspirations? Should the MP be amended to be smaller? Slower?
• KGerken explained the Master plan is driven by the strategic and academic plan, and largely formulaic in determining growth; at the time of the 2012 Master Plan, UAS was looking at 1-2% growth at each school/department; distance and blended courses were determined in planning for growth and facilities needs. Part of the master plan that is not formulaic was thinking about the quality of student experience which included a new student union.
• KSchmitt asked what are we not going to do? What is the prioritization of programs and institutional effectiveness? What are our strategic assets and how do we best use them? How do we use our current campus to meet our goals? What is our process?
• Deferred maintenance projects are not Master Planning goals and not under the purview of the committee. | |
| 3 | Update on Student Union | Cost estimates based on three scenarios are due to arrive this week. The concepts and cost estimates will be posted on the facilities website when all documents are received. The cost estimates are being prepared by a professional cost estimator in Anchorage.  
• The funding source for a new student union has not been identified.  
• UAS had an early placeholder budgetary number of $15M to construct a new student union; if the cost estimate is much higher than anticipated, the scope of the student union may change  
  • From prior MPIC meeting notes: “Features include dining facility, assembly space (replacing space currently at Egan Library), student services currently housed at the ground floor of Mourant and other needs that meet the mission and core values of UAS”.  
• PSommers raised the issue of sustainability of operational costs once the new student union is constructed.  
• A suggestion was made to create a quick link on the MPIC page to the student union scenarios and costs, once posted. |
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| 4 | Update on Hendrickson Remodel | Design team is in design development review; 100% construction documents are due mid-March and will be advertised for construction.  
• FPC is working on spaces to for move current Arts & Sciences and School of Education employees out of Hendrickson at the end of Spring semester. |
| 5 | Implications on the sale of the Bookstore/Admin building | There is interest to purchase bookstore/admin building  
• There is an annual debt service of $230K, and remaining debt of about $2.4M.  
• UA Land Management is arranging an appraisal of the property and will handle the sale of the building  
• The building will probably not be sold before the Hendrickson renovation is complete  
• Implications for staff in Admin Services:  
  • 2 groups of 5 people will be displaced (currently 3 groups of 5 people; Human Resources group will move to Hendrickson after renovation). Where on campus will Admin Services be located?  
  • Facilities Services uses the back area as a grounds storage yard with sand/ice melt, gravel and planting equipment; currently there is limited yard space at the Facilities building. Where will grounds storage be relocated is a question that needs to be solved. |
| 6 | Questions concerning Library/Learning Center changes | KKrein received some questions about the future of the learning center/writing center. PManu said she walked through various spaces on campus last week in an effort to look for potential empty spaces and glean ideas that could potentially accommodate employees moving out of Hendrickson temporarily during the renovation. |
| 7 | Other Current Campus Projects | TEC Renovation, Phase 2 including 2nd floor space for Health Sciences and ground floor Diesel lab renovations  
• Campus Lighting Replacement, Phase 2  
• Deferred maintenance projects are not MPIC issues |
8. Looking Ahead to Capital Improvement Plan

- Questions will be raised on why construction (on the Administrative/IT offices) are taking place while there are budget cuts in other areas. Committee members will need to explain that construction projects on campus are funded with deferred maintenance/capital funding, which is a different source of funds mandated for this specific purpose and cannot be transferred for operational uses.
- MCiri is planning a campus wide forum on **February 13, 3:00-4:30** for the UAS campus community to engage in a discussion re falling oil prices, what it means to the state budget and how it affects the UA systemwide budget and UAS budgets.

9. Next Meetings

- Discuss Capital Improvement Plan
- Tuesday March 3, 2015 2-4PM
- Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2-4PM