

**Faculty Senate Minutes Final**  
**April, 2013**  
**350 Lavery Hall**

Attendees: M. Abbas, A. Lynn Abbott, M. Akers, D. Agud, G. Back, V.A. Centeno, R. Dalloul, B. Hausman, H. Gindlesberger, B. Jones, J. Lo, T. Kennelly for B. Pencek, M. Marchant, S. Markham, M. Maycock, J. Merola, K. Niewolny, C. Noirot, M. Patil, H. Quesada Pineda, W. Reed, S. Rinehart, D. Smith, C. Stovall, E. Vance, B. Vinatzer, B. Vogelaar, J. Wielaus, A. Zajac

Absent with prior notice: M. Moehler, A. Puckett, K. Hosig

The President of Faculty Senate, Karpanty, called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

I. *Introductions*

II. *Approval of Agenda and Minutes from March 2013*

Approved.

III. *Presentation and Question and Answer Session with Assistant VP, Office of University Planning, Mr. Jason Soileau*

- Topics to include Precinct B (North campus area, between Derring and engineering buildings and Prices Fork road); Upper Quad (Corps of Cadets dorms, etc); update on forest management plan for Stadium Woods

Mr. Soileau gave a presentation which is available on Scholar, in the resources folder for this year. He started off by stating that the Precinct B plan was developed in a spirit of collaboration with all the major constituencies in the University (including Faculty representation). The plan had multiple goals but some of those were deemed more important: campus edge identity + positive/safe pedestrian experience + optimizing buildable area. The plan would lead to a sense of entry into the campus rather than have parking lots at the entrance. There will be open spaces similar to the central campus where people can congregate. The MMTF was divided into two so as to maximize efficiency while minimizing visual impact. The parking lost to construction will be made up by restricting the new parking garage in that lot to F/S and opening more remote lots, with shuttles, for C/G. All building will not be immediate, so the parking transition will take place over time. The plan envisions 15 -20 years of construction to get to the final built layout.

Mr. Soileau also briefly discussed the Upper Quad plan, and again showed a presentation which is available in scholar. This was the first time that we had a design competition and paid 4 firms to present competing designs for this important part of campus.. One of those designs was selected though all 4 designs belong to VT and we can use parts of other designs if needed.

IV. *Q & A with Senate Officer Candidates*

- Note, we are still seeking a candidate for Secretary. Please do consider volunteering as this is a rewarding and important position in university governance.

Joe Merola was nominated for Preseident.

Mayur Patil was nominated for Vice President.

Rami Dalloul was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer.

Voting is underway electronically and will be closed on 3 May.

V. *Open discussion of any items related to Commissions and Committees*

- Update from March BOV meeting
- Please see the Forum on our Scholar page. I will ask that Commission and Committee Chairs, or Faculty representatives, provide updates either directly to this Forum or through me to this Forum

Karpanty reminded the faculty that there are significant changes coming to the health insurance policy/premium and that faculty should review materials provided electronically by HR.

The BoV is taking up the issue of high overhead rates seriously and has been asking when the rates will fall. Karpanty will be with university admin for an update on this issue on 9 May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.