

Campus Planning Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

Members Present: Brian Baxter, Nicola De Jager, Rick Fosse, Bryan Garter,

David Hensley, Erin Litton, Dusty Persinger, Scott Spak,

Patrick Taylor

Others: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Joe Bilotta, Mike Kearns,

Rod Lehnertz, Martha Stoakes

West Campus Ropes Course

The West Campus challenge course is reaching it end of life and will be replaced with a dynamic designed ropes course. Many additional amenities will be added as well, such as running water, electricity, and security cameras.

The course will provide physical as well as mental challenges and incorporate community programming.

The site will have perimeter fencing to protect the site, will be locked overnight and monitored by security cameras and will only be open during programming time.

This proposal was supported by committee members.

IMU Renovations

An update on renovations to the lowa Memorial Union was provided. The design team has been hired. Plans include relocating Student Health and Wellness clinic to the former location of the lowa House.

A comment for consideration is increased natural lighting. The design team will be addressing this internally by opening up as much of the floor plan as possible but additional windows are not considered at this time.

Space Planning

A review of the status of Space Planning was presented.

Campus Planning is working with colleges to update their facilities plans this spring. A campus wide space analysis for instruction, research and office space will occur parallel to this effort to inform the College plans. The new space policies are being incorporated in the study.

Certain impacts may recommend engagement from CPC.

University Capital Plan

A review of the University Capital Plan was presented with the top priorities identified for our yearly requests going to the Board of Regents. State funding has been illusive even with the growing need for deferred maintenance.

Administration will be trying a new tactic this year by asking for an allowance of renewal monies for deferred maintenance.

Discussion included a request for an update on the UIHC 10-Year Master Plan, being two years in. Plans have adjusted due to overruns and changes in circumstances.

Work is also being done on a more cohesive branding across campus that will eventually cascade to all other signage needs on campus.

2024 Herky on Parade

Just a mention of the 20th Anniversary of the Hery on Parade that will kick off in May. Many locations across campus and surrounding communities.