

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

August 20, 2020

ATTENDEES: Phil Phillips, Gary Hanson, Connie Horton, Lauren Cosentino, Danny DeWalt, Lee Kats, Hung Le, Rick Marrs, Matthew Midura, Nicolle Taylor, Michael Feltner, Maretno Agus Harjoto, Marc Goodman, Greg Ramirez, Donna Nofziger.

GUEST: Jim Gash

I. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER:

Chief Operating Officer Phil Phillips called the University Management Committee meeting to order. The meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Vice President for Student Affairs Connie Horton opened in prayer.

II. JULY 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the University Management Committee minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

III. CHUMASH ARTWORK AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROPOSAL

Vice President and Chief of Staff Danny Dewalt and Assistant Vice President Ben Veenendaal sought approval to utilize space, pursuant to the Facility and Space Modification Policy, to install Chumash artwork and a corresponding plaque. The request was predicated on the Student Government Association's (SGA) "Chumash Land Acknowledgement Resolution" passed in the Fall of 2019. Assistant Vice President Veenendaal described the proposed installation location as the west wall of Waves Café, adjacent to the fireplace. The request was to identify the space for Chumash artwork that has yet to be selected. The artwork would serve to acknowledge and pay tribute to the fact that Pepperdine University's Malibu campus was built on land once inhabited by Chumash Native Americans.

The Committee discussed the project's alignment with the University's mission and culture, the intent of the language to be used on the plaque, and the importance of avoiding language suggesting ongoing Chumash rights. The Committee recommended seeking counsel from trusted members of the local Chumash community. Discussion ensued regarding how this location can be impacted by future renovation plans, and other potential suitable locations on campus.

The Committee achieved consensus on the project conceptually, and agreed Chief of Staff Dewalt would return to the Committee with proposed language for the plaque, additional ideas about artwork, and consideration of other campus locations. Chief of Staff Dewalt stated he will continue to work with the students and project partners to

address the Committee's input while showing the University's commitment to action as the project develops.

IV. TYLER CAMPUS CENTER SPACE MODIFICATION

Assistant Vice President Veenendaal proposed utilizing currently unused office space on the second floor of the Tyler Campus Center (TCC) to meet Student Affairs staff's immediate space needs. The space under consideration formerly housed the Counseling Center and the Student Accessibility Center, but is now unoccupied due to those two departments' recent move to the Seaver Assistance Center. Vice President Connie Horton proposed the following moves: 1) Seaver Spiritual Life, currently housed on the first floor of TCC in Wave's Café, moving to the second-floor offices formerly occupied by the Office of Student Accessibility and 2) the Chaplain's office, Student Affairs case managers, and Rise program staff, currently housed in cubicles in the TCC, moving to the second-floor offices formerly occupied by the Counseling Center. The proposed moves would improve efficiency, create a centralized location for students to access Student Affairs services, provide desired office space for the Chaplain's office, and increase privacy for Student Affairs case managers.

A member made a motion to approve the request to relocate the Chaplain's office, Student Affairs case managers, and Rise program staff to the TCC second floor offices formerly occupied by the Counseling Center. The motion was seconded and approved. The Committee postponed making a decision on moving the Spiritual Life staff out of Waves Café at this time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be held on September 17, 2020.