

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 19, 2020

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

ABSENT: 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, November 19, 2020. Provost Rick Marrs opened in prayer.

II. OCTOBER 15, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the University Management Committee minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

III. CHUMASH ARTWORK UPDATE

Chief of Staff Danny Dewalt returned to the Committee seeking approval on a location - the atrium wall in Payson Library - for the Chumash artwork installation. Chief of Staff Dewalt explained the actions taken since the last time the Committee discussed the project on October 15, 2020, including touring multiple locations, requesting approval from Dean of Libraries Mark Roosa to use a space in Payson Library, and deciding on the proposed site. If approved, the next steps will include selecting an artist and determining the artwork's best medium. Chief of Staff Dewalt advised the project task force has decided to defer the land acknowledgment portion of this item. The Committee discussed the idea of displaying a rotating art installation to honor Native Americans or other groups on the book stacks near the Chumash artwork and land acknowledgment proposed location. Committee members then discussed other space modifications for the artwork installation including proper lighting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the atrium wall in Payson Library as the location for the artwork installation.

IV. PLEXIGLASS PARTITION GUIDELINES

Chief Operating Officer Phil Phillips introduced this item as an update of work completed to comply with COVID-19 health orders from the County of Los Angeles and other applicable guidance. Executive Director Carly Mischke shared the guidelines the Department of Planning Operations and Construction developed to review and install requests for plexiglass throughout the University, which are informed by relevant public health guidance. She also gave examples of common inquiries received that fall outside the scope of the guidelines and explained these types of requests are not fulfilled at this time. Next, Executive Director Mischke explained the types of locations where plexiglass

barriers have been installed to date; these locations include but are not limited to reception, customer service or transactional sites, science laboratories, and other classroom areas where in-person interactions are unavoidable and where maintaining appropriate social distancing is difficult. Further, she acknowledged a member's concern about the stability and safety of the plexiglass barrier prototype. She advised the procured rolling barriers will have a longer plexiglass insert, a lower center of gravity, and larger wheels which addresses these concerns.

The discussion then shifted to a conversation about face coverings for faculty. The Chief Operating Officer's office will continue to vet and procure face coverings where faculty member's mouths are visible while teaching a course, as face coverings are required even with the use of a rolling plexiglass barrier. Assistant Vice President Ben Veenendaal added that classrooms have been assessed to determine capacity limits and appropriate placement for desks to comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) restrictions.

The University's current investment to date for plexiglass partitions is \$440,000 and could potentially increase by an estimated \$200,000 if the received exception requests are approved and implemented. An estimated cost of an additional \$400,000 may be incurred if changing LACDPH guidelines require implementing plexiglass partitions within academic and administrative buildings and student residences. The Committee discussed the importance of adhering to the presented guidelines and not encouraging exception requests. Executive Director Mischke advised the Committee that the current exception requestors will be notified of the decision based on this Committee's support of the guidelines.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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