Committee on Student Life (CSL)
Friday, April 20, 2012
Room 12-196 12pm – 2pm
Minutes
Lisa Stagnone

Present: Alex Slocum, Barbara Baker, Katie Vogel, Karen Anne Sittig, Phuree (Will) Smittinet, Danielle Guichard-Ashbrook

Guests: Israel Ruiz, Executive VP & Treasurer, Building Committee Chair MIT2030

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MIT2030 http://web.mit.edu/mit2030/

“MIT 2030: a flexible framework that helps the Institute make thoughtful, well-informed choices about its physical development and renewal in support of its mission.”

In 2008, the senior leadership and Academic Council Members at MIT, worked together to review what was needed for goals and priorities of the institution. MIT Facilities along with the Campus Planning and Design Committee, were brought in to speak of the current position of the campus as well as what would be needed to meet the academic needs of tomorrow.

When any changes to the area are reviewed, many groups are involved. The Committee for the Review of Space Planning (CRSP) and the Building Committee come and meet to find ways and work together to keep in mind what’s best by following guidelines that have been the same since 1950.

Together, these teams are working towards the evolution of MIT to achieve the academic needs as well improving the living experience of the surrounding areas. From this, we’ve launched in 2010, the MIT2030 plan. Now the priority is to move forward and implement what was defined.

The key theme or frame work for this project is the guardrail of process. Where we go physically is defined with these capital projects. Five projects are planned, including 3 renovations (buildings 50, 52, 2). The website, available in two weeks, will explain the projects as well as new building plans. This is the sample process that was used back in 1950 with CRSP and the Planning Committee.

Accelerator Capital Growth added 3 million sq. ft. in 1999. There is 12 million sq. ft. now. In the Kendall Square area, we could build academic capacity and commercial sites along Main Street area. The impact on Kendall will carry us to 2030. These plans are not set in stone and change depending on the needs of the world. The key theme is to keep the campus and the city moving forward for the future.

Engagement finds challenges. Many issues come to surface that I would like to address in the future. My ideas for such future project are to build hub way stations on campus. Another idea would be basic maintenance and repairs in areas such as window and insulating masonry walls. These items are high cost. I would like to make institutional priorities out of these issues and engage the community to address these. Find ways within our own walls to deal with these instead of reaching out for answers. This could save money if we reach within the establish community of MIT for solutions.

Can we rent / run in 2 dimensions? The physical environment, such as air, fire sprinklers versus mission enabling. Rank spaces / plotted peak zone correlation, between mission and physical, and do room to room updates as opposed to doing an entire building at a time. For example, the triangle building, 66. It’s a comprehensive renovation. Some buildings are not worth improvement within the first 3 years of this project. Maybe after the initial first three years, they do fall under a different category for improvement.
This is why the Kendall Initiative is a goal of ours and a reachable academic initiative. Its conditions don’t consume resources. You have a better ability to build structures that were not there in the first place. When looking at housing in the area, we look to move it away from the main street area and make way for labs and commercial space.

In May, we will be filing plans with the city. We are driving towards a goal for which the best we can achieve collaboratively.

The Capital Plan process flows as follows:
Innovation and Collaboration
Renovation and Renewal
Sustainability
Enhancement of Living and Learning

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MIT 2030 – Initial Priorities

- Energy & Environment
- Building 2 - Math
- Building 50 - Walker
- Building E52
- nMaSS
- Accelerated Capital Renewal
- Kendall