

Building & Grounds Committee 1/22/26 Meeting Minutes

Members In Attendance:

Jonathan Bonamarte proxy for Aeric Gunnels – Human Ecology
Leigh Ann Ray – Health Services
Elisabeth Humphrey – College of Engineering
Bobbi Severt – Exercise Science
Torri Cheney – Facilities, Custodial Services
Ed Beason – Director, Student Affairs
Scott McCrary – Manager, Facilities – Grounds
Steven Click – Civil & Environmental Engineering
Leigh Waggoner – Accounting
Joshua Edmonds – Manager, Residential Life
Emma Parson – Student
Dan Warren – VP of Facilities & Business Services
Committee Executive Officer
Michele Chumley – *Committee Administrative Services*

Absent Members: *Link to meeting recording emailed to absent members*

Robert Scarbrough – Director, Facilities – Maintenance & Repairs
Tammy Boles – Environmental Sciences
Fred Nichols – Director, University Police
Corey Heineman – Student
Hope Boynton – Student

1. Meeting was called to order, and a quorum was perceived at 11:02 AM by Vice-Chair Joshua Edmonds.
2. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds, entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Dan Warren and seconded by Leigh Ann Ray. With no objections, motion passed.
3. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds, entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes from 11/20/25. Motion was made by Leigh Ann Ray and seconded by Torri Cheney. With no objections, motion passed.
4. Vice-Chair Joshua Edmonds shared opening comments thanking everyone for appointing him and stated that he would like to have these meetings progress quickly to allow time to discuss important matters.
5. Old Business
 - a. AIEB bike rack(s): *Dan Warren is working with Elisabeth Humphrey to set up a meeting with the Dean to discuss location and size needed, thinking of at least one bike rack.*

- b. Foundation alley lighting: Dan Warren stated that a work request was opened for the technicians to complete. *Bob Scarbrough can provide additional details at the next meeting.*
 - c. Quad Lighting re-cap: Dan Warren shared that it went well. We have a contractor that comes in to take care of the heavy lifting. The contractor also identified tree branches that were dead and removed them in the process for safety.
 - d. Wilmore Way Pavers: Dan Warren shared that the two areas with sinking pavers have been repaired. Dan shared the potential for the crossover to Henderson Hall parking lot being a continuous issue with the amount of weight it carries. He also shared that we have a lot more pavers now than we did a year and a half ago. *They are working on getting a contract in place to get additional help maintaining the pavers.*
 - e. Accessibility areas: Dan Warren shared that he and Ed Beason have made additional improvements for the student with visual and mobility impairments, specifically areas frequented daily. They will continue to address additional areas of opportunity. *Dan will look into Prescott Hall to determine if the ramp is a compliant slope and if a pedestrian button to open the door (though one is not required, just that the door pull to be less than 15 lbs.) can then be addressed as well as behind Jere Whitson to the back of the Playhouse.*
 - f. No Miscellaneous Old Business
6. Miscellaneous New Business:
- a. Leigh Ann Ray asked Dan Warren about the *hot water for hand washing in Bell Hall* being out. Dan clarified the HVAC work being done on those lines is separate from plumbing lines for hot water for hand washing. *Dan mentioned a new steam powered hot water heater is being replaced and will follow-up.*
7. Status of Landscape Projects: Scott McCrary
- a. Scott shared that the tree grant was approved. Approximately 40 trees will be planted in early February.
 - b. Scott shared that they are working on cleaning up leaves, tree limbs, and weeds on campus now as well.
 - c. Scott informed everyone that they are working on preventative maintenance on their equipment to be ready for spring.
 - d. The team has also been getting ready for the snow event coming.
 - e. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds thanked Scott and his team for all they do on campus.
8. Status of Facilities Projects – Dan Warren on behalf of Robert Scarbrough
- a. Dan shared that the JJ Oakley building kicked off on Tuesday 1/20/26. Trees were removed, fencing put up and traffic patterns are being impacted on campus. Once summer starts that whole area will be closed off while removing the gravel parking lot and a portion of the road. There will be sidewalks installed on the east side of Whitney, the parking lot will

be paved, additional drainage and lighting will be installed. Landscaping will be installed near the Burn, rounding off the corner, and making it more pleasing to the eye instead of hard fencing. There will also be an additional sidewalk installed to connect with the sidewalk next to Southwest Hall, giving the students a clear path to walk from the new parking lot to the center of campus.

- b. There are soil samples being done right now at the site of the new ACME building. The last review round of the CDP drawings is complete and we will be receiving the bid set in the next few weeks, then we can start asking for estimates.
 - c. The renovation of the auditorium at the AWC came in under the bid target of 2.2 million. We have the green light to get that one started. That will be the new football room and physical therapy area. In addition, there will be new equipment in the old mechanical room for the pool, and the HVAC system will be completely replaced.
 - d. East Stadium will have handrails installed to improve conveyance. They will need to remove sections of bleachers to make room for the installation. There will also be numbers added to the seating as they are going to start selling individual tickets with seat numbers. There will also be work on East Stadium to make a ticket entrance and food truck area, but we will need to address the retaining wall behind BFA.
 - e. Lewis Hall had a heat pump failure. Boiler Supply installed a temporary fix (renting), as when ACME is done Lewis will move to ACME and Lewis will go away.
 - f. Bell Hall auditorium: utility lines ruptured underground; installed solution; took a lot to find good pipe and then replace the bad pipe. With the next facilities infrastructure upgrade project they will consider replacing the line sets and get another 30 years of service.
 - g. Matt-Dan digging steam lines: additional lines to tie into existing lines that are under the sidewalk saves the current sidewalk.
 - h. The previous Monday we had a coil freeze in the library and it ruptured. We are currently in the recovery process working with insurance.
 - i. Memorial Gym sidewalk between the basketball courts and the building sunk; removed the sidewalk and found a 10X10 void that was 5-6 feet deep; 3 lines busted as they were not supported by the ground, which possibly explains the water intrusion. Suspecting they are all roof drains.
9. Such Other Matters
- a. Dan Warren shared that we have a plan in place with the coming weather. Take computers home as well.
10. Vice-Chair, Joshua Edmonds entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Elisabeth Humphrey and seconded by Leigh Ann Ray. Without objection, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.