

Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability Advisory Committee

June 11, 2024

International Office Conference Room (1943) 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Attendees:

Audrey Capristo, Julie Ceballos, Peter Chow, Sam Connell, David Fisch, Gian Haasner, Asha Jossis, Simon Pennington, Mike Teijeiro, Bret Watson

Minutes:

Approved

Campus Lighting & Signage Updates

Bret, Dave and Simon took a walk during nighttime to inspect the sample lamps next to 1900 building. After getting comments and feedback from faculty, staff and students, the 4000 Kelvin LED light bulbs will be used for the new lamps.

For signage, a contractor named TBP Architect will be conducting studies around the campus and propose suggestions on signage updates.

Grounds items

Bret provided updates on the vegetations in front of the Village Space (in front of room 4223). The plants are currently watered by facilities workers three times a week. There will be no plan on installing irrigation system at the moment.

Bret also provided updates on the bamboo garden. The weeds in the garden are overgrowing, and some of them are about 5 to 6 feet tall. Bret suggested having volunteers from Horticulture Department to clean up the garden. Dean of Health Science, Nancy Cheung, is scheduling a cleanup day with students.

Sam complimented the Facilities team for cleaning up the weeds and helped transfer some native plants at the Business and Social Sciences Division area.

Sustainability – Pool Project

Bret pointed out 3 pool projects were proposed at the June 10,2024 Board meeting. The Board rejected the gas boiler suggestion. The Board recommended the solar thermal system with a heat pump backup system. A gas boiler system might also be installed to back up the heat pump system.

A study will be conducted by a contractor and report the results during the September 2024 board meeting.

The total budget for HVAC system at Foothill campus is about 40 million dollars. If the Board spends all the budget on the pool project, there will not be enough funds to improve or repair the HVAC systems on other parts of the campus.

Measure G Budget balances

Bret and Dave will prepare and present this topic in the Fall quarter.

Roofing projects

Bret pointed out that the Smithwick Theater is the biggest roof project. There is a little delay because the dimensions of the glulam beams are incorrect. The repair company will use the glulam beams that have the incorrect dimensions at building 2400.

Dave reported that the waterproof seal is damaged at the living roof at lower campus, so there is a leaking problem.