

**University Planning and Policy Council chair's report
on the Council's Zoom meeting of October 5, 2022, 2:00PM–4:00PM**

The Council convened and approved two sets of minutes, slightly amended, for its meetings of April 18, 2022, and August 24, 2022.

Under new business, the Council heard a detailed report on the [Facilities Master Plan](#) (FMP) by Jason Kersch, interim director of UAlbany Office of Campus Planning, with additional commentary by VP for Finance and Administration Todd Foreman. The current FMP cycle dates to 2010–12, and is due for completion by the end of 2022. Its guiding principles are as shown in this slide:

2012 Guiding Principles

- **Make the** appropriate investment **at each UAlbany Campus**
- Cluster programs **to encourage value-added synergies**
- **Utilize University facilities to their** highest and best use
- Minimize disruptions, **number of** relocations, **and ensure** full functionality
- **Renovate each building for a** blend of space types **including general purpose classrooms and support spaces**
- **Build new to** facilitate renovation and growth...
- **Complete renovation of legacy buildings in a 30-year time frame...**

FMP priorities are renovations of the former Albany High School, which will house the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS) and continuing renovations of the Lecture Centers. The Science Library may undergo considerable repurposing of interior spaces. The facilities implications of the artificial intelligence initiative are not a current FMP matter; one should ask Vice President for Research and Economic Development Kesh Kesavadas about related plans. Jason Kersch promised to share the extensive PowerPoint slide deck he used during the presentation and Q&A.

Next under new business, the council reviewed the proposal from the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences for a BA in Environmental Studies, which was presented by its author, Professor Robert (Rob) Fovell. After the presentation and Q&A, the Council approved the related Campus Impact Form and Undergraduate Program Announcement (PA). The proposal has thus passed stage II, 2.3 under the Academic Program Review Process Committee's current, streamlined Academic Review Process. Next comes stage II, 2.4, in which the provost signs the PA and submits it to SUNY, where it will be subject to a thirty-day public comment period.

In a very brief chair's report, I thanked both Senate Chair Sydney Faught and the UPPC administrative support person, Corinne Fauchon of the Office of Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance for managing UPPC during this semester to date, while I was quite indisposed for medical reasons. I noted that the Council of Deans has yet to elect an ex officio nonvoting representative to UPPC to serve in Lynn Warner's stead.

Under new business raised from the floor, the Council identified a new chair for the Council's University Facilities Committee (UFC) to replace outgoing UFC chair J. Ramon Gil-Garcia. Associate Registrar Jessica Lansing volunteered to assume the role of UFC chair and was approved by unanimous consent. The two UPPC subcommittees now have chairs for the current cohort. Brandon P. Behlendorf of CEHC, who could not attend the October 5 meeting, is the chair of the Resource Analysis and Planning Committee (RAPC), the larger of the two. There were accordingly no reports from either subcommittee chair. The UPPC meeting adjourned at about 3:30.

MEMO: the schedule of UPPC meetings. The meetings of September 21 and October 19 were in effect combined into the October 5 meeting summarized here. The next regular meeting of UPPC is November 10.

- Wednesday, September 21, 2022
- Wednesday, October 19, 2022
- Thursday, November 10, 2022
- Wednesday, January 18, 2023
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023
- Wednesday, March 15, 2023
- Thursday, April 13, 2023

Report submitted by UPPC chair Timothy Sergay for inclusion in Senate documents for the Senate meeting of October 12, 2022.