

May 8, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Liz Thorstenson, Campus Planning  
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the May 1, 2020 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Ken Kato (chair), Liska Chan, George Evans, Kassy Fisher, Hilary Gerdes, Michael Griffel, Michael Harwood, Terry McQuilkin, Cathy Soutar, Christine Thompson, Chuck Triplett, Laurie Woodward

CPC Staff: Liz Thorstenson (Campus Planning)

Guests: Anita Van Asperdt (LandCurrent), Bruce Blonigen (CAS), Jane Brubaker (CPFM), Isaac Campbell (Office 52 Architecture), Phillip Carroll (CPFM), Renee Dorjahn (CHC), Michelle LaFoe (Office 52 Architecture), Aaron Olsen (Campus Planning), Martina Oxoby (CPFM), Ivy Pitts (Campus Planning)

## CPC Agenda

### 1. Tykeson Hall Lawn Project – Schematic Design Review

Background: The purpose of this agenda item is to review the proposed schematic design for the Tykeson Hall Lawn Project and determine whether the design is consistent with *Campus Plan* principles and patterns.

CPC staff reviewed prior relevant committee input for the Tykeson Hall Project and applicable *Campus Plan* principles and patterns. Aaron Olsen, Campus Planning representative on the project management team, reviewed Campus Planning considerations related to this project.

Isaac Campbell and Michelle LaFoe of Office 52 Architecture, and Anita Van Asperdt of LandCurrent, provided a schematic design presentation for the Tykeson Hall Lawn

project. The presentation included additional information about materials, and two additional existing site plans.

Discussion: The following is a summary of questions and comments from committee members:

- Consider drainage and turf quality if the area is used for outdoor events and activities.
- Do different kinds of grasses that differ in height and frequency of mowing complicate and/or increase the costs for landscape maintenance?
- The ability of the Tykeson lawn project to accommodate for outdoor seating/ outdoor classrooms feels particularly useful in the era of the coronavirus.
- The design shows thoughtful consideration of how it could easily accommodate a variety of seating.
- How is pedestrian traffic flow from PLC to Tykeson Hall accommodated?
- The designed space is exciting, very innovative, and striking.
- Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of accessibility.
- Does the textured surface designed to deter skateboards also consider people with strollers, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs?
- Does the width of pathways accommodate tabling for career fairs, etc. and any thought to where those types of activities would be placed?
- This is a beautiful, very welcoming, and appropriately scaled design. It has a contemporary feel, but fits into the larger landscape. The planting is elegant, simple and appropriate and ties Chapman and Tykeson together.
- Continue to work with Facility Services to ensure that the design is maintainable.

The following is a summary of comments from guests:

- Facilities Services has been working with the design team to ensure that the design is maintainable. There are still more details to work out and customized mowing regimes are more challenging but they should be able to accommodate.

In response to questions and comments from committee members, Campbell, Lafoe and Asperdt provided the following clarifications:

- The design team reassessed which functions needed to be accommodated in the space. Larger functions originally thought to be part of the program, which were accommodated in the original design, are no longer anticipated. The seating design is intended to accommodate anything from small groups of 20-30 people on the

bench seats nearest Tykeson Hall, 40-75 people in the tiered seating area, to more than 100 people in the lawn area. Lawn species in the mow area are designed to accommodate heavy foot traffic.

- The design consists of two different grass type areas. Grass species in the no-mow area are taller (mow a few times a year). Camas bulbs will be planted in these areas. Species in the mow area are typical grasses (typical mowing regime). Project team will continue to work with Facilities Services to ensure that the design is maintainable.
- Currently, pedestrians coming from the SW (PLC) generally walk around the ellipse, so that would continue. The diagonal path of travel from NE to SW is much more heavily used and wasn't accommodated in the original design. The new design will resolve this and accommodates the path of travel.
- The proposed slightly textured surface will accommodate all wheel types (and shoe types), and is completely accessible and won't impede accessibility in any way.
- Tabling for career fairs is accommodated in the oval, associated walkways, on the terrace, and in the Commons interior space. The proposed design adds increased capacity.

Action: With 10 in favor and 1 abstention (due to an association with CAS and the project), the committee agreed that the proposed Tykeson Hall Lawn schematic design is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that it be approved.