Aesthetics Committee Meeting  
April 27, 2012 Friday at 1 pm
’Tilimia Room 122

Members Present: Nancy Heu, Clifford Togo, Bonnie Beatson, Peggy Regentine, Roy Fujimoto, Charles Whitten, Toni Martin, Joe Ciotti, Floyd McCoy, Paul Nash, Jeff Hunt, Lillian Cunningham

   Several members on the committee expressed their concern about the number of Hawai‘i State Hospital patients on the WCC campus. Cliff Togo distributed the Ka ʻOhana article entitled “Who are our neighbors next door?” explaining that some patients are not allowed outside of the hospital, some are transitional, and some are previous substance abusers. After several members expressed their concerns about this safety issue, it was decided that the Campus Safety Committee should handle this problem. Mention was made of Rick Murray’s April 25th email that addressed this issue at the Campus Safety Committee Meeting on April 20, 2012. Minutes of that meeting can be accessed at:


Before leaving this topic, a few faculty who have been at WCC for years stated that in previous years it was suggested that a row of trees be planted as a marker to separate the two facilities and that a fence might be a solution to channel hospital traffic to use roads.

2. Flow Chart
   Jeff Hunt said that he was unable to make any further revisions to the draft of the flow chart that outlines the procedures for reviewing and approving all renovation or new construction projects on campus. To date, reviewers of this chart appear to be in general agreement with the chart’s procedures.

3. Railing Color on Campus.
   It was decided that a field trip of selected committee members would be scheduled to determine which outside railings should be painted forest green in color. It was noted that the handicap railing near the new library coffee shop has already been painted green.

4. MaPSAC Proposals.
   Floyd McCoy and Joe Ciotti reported that they had discussed the rain garden concept and the amphitheater idea with MAPSAC. These proposals will be posted on the discussion board.
5. Exterior Painting of Building.
   Cliff Togo reported on the timeline for the exterior painting of ʻImiloa and Pālanakila. The original intent was for the painting to be completed during the summer, however, the project is presently in the procurement office and waiting to be placed out for bid.

   Bids are out for renovating Noeʻau and Laʻakea with construction to start in August. An 8- to 9-month timeframe would allow the buildings to be ready in the summer or fall of 2013. Naʻauao will be renovated next, followed by Alakaʻi.

7. Renaming of Building.
   Several buildings on campus will be renamed once the new Library Learning Commons is completed. The names are as follows:

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   * Trio and other federally funded programs would continue to occupy what is currently named Hale Naʻauao. Kalani Meinecke will propose the new name for this building, which will reflect its new function.

   These name changes will take place upon the opening of the buildings.

8. Lower Campus Boundary Fence.
   Cliff stated that the fencing project to separate the District Park and the college campus is underway. Once in place, it is anticipated that this fence will discourage the homeless from occupying this area.

9. ʻImiloa Skylight.
   Prior to replacing the skylight in Hale ʻImiloa, the source of roof leaks must first be identified. The skylight project is expected to begin during summer.

The architectural design of the Veterinary Technician Building includes a treatment room, separate holding rooms for cats and dogs, a surgery center, an x-ray room, a dark room, a janitor closet and a storage area. The building will span a total of 2,214 square feet — with a net square footage of 1,962.

Several concerns were raised:

- No dedicated office is provided for the Vet Tech instructors. While the drawing indicates that the storage room might also be used as an office, that room is not large enough to serve both functions. One suggestion is to use the storage room solely as an office for the Vet Tech instructors and to store supplies elsewhere in 'Imiloa.
- Based on the total square footage, design plans call for thirteen (13) additional parking stalls on campus. This issue has yet to be addressed.
- A question was raised about who would be responsible for cleaning the animal cages, since this does not fall under the job description of the college’s janitorial services. Cliff indicated that this program must follow the guidelines under the vet tech certification and that the Vet Tech program would be cleaning the cages and removing animal waste.


Cliff was commended for the new parking facility behind Hale Alaka‘i. A request was made to clean the area that was used for parking on the Great Lawn this year. It was not yet determined if the Great Lawn will be needed for parking in fall 2012.

12. Banners on Campus Street Poles.

The committee approved Bonnie Beatson’s request to mount banners on roadside light poles for the college’s upcoming 40th Anniversary. The banners could be changed in the future for other events.


Bonnie reported that only 3 digital monitors will be installed around campus rather than the 5 originally proposed. Each monitor costs approximately $8,000. Two of the monitors will be interactive and one will be static. Security of the monitors was raised as a possible issue, but since the monitors would be located inside buildings, this was not considered a major problem. Three locations are currently being considered based on high student traffic—Pālanakila, the new Library Learning Commons and 'Imiloa. The committee was reminded that while the purpose of the digital monitors is to show the energy conservation attained through Johnson Controls, other information can also be displayed.

Jeff Hunt offered the Aesthetics Committee an opportunity to include something noteworthy in the time capsule that will be located on the ground floor of the Library Learning Commons. Contents will be placed into the time capsule during the opening ceremony in August. The time capsule would be reopened in twenty years. Bonnie stated that her research shows that time capsule users should avoid overused of paper memorabilia and should be cognizant of potential media obsolescence. For example, a thumb drive may not be readable twenty years from today.

Minutes taken by Peggy Regentine

Submitted by Paul Nash
Aesthetics Committee Chair

Meeting started at 1:06 pm.
Meeting ended at 1:55 pm.

Date of next meeting: May 11, 2012 'Imiloa 122 at 1 pm.