

**URI Master Plan Review Team  
Minutes of Meeting**

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 1:00PM-2:00 PM  
Alumni Center Board Room

**Membership Present:** Christina Valentino, Vern Wyman, Christopher McMahan, Rick Rhodes, Michael Katz, Dave Palazzetti, Linda Acciaro, William Green, Steve Baker, John Sears, Morgan Boutmy, Ann Morrissey, Vincent Murray

**Membership Absent:** Paul DePace, Jerry Sidio, Brian Maynard

**Support Staff Present:** Ryan Carrillo, Diane Soule, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Sheleen Clarke, Marsha Garcia, David Lavallee

**Call to Order**

Chair Christina Valentino called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Approvals**

The minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Correction to the spelling of Doug McClain's name needed. Confirmation that the requestor of the sign for Athletics was notified of the MPRT's decision. The historic sign for the Gardner Crops Research Center will be tabled for another meeting. Motion made to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015 with name correction. Motion seconded; motion passed.

**Information and Discussion**

**1. Kingston Campus Master Plan 2017-RFP**

Kip McMahan reviewed the projected timeline for the Kingston Campus Master Plan. Time frame is from April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 with key dates to be met. Funding needs to be confirmed in mid-May to move forward and critical to have proposals by mid-July. Final master plan to be published Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Discussion of key objectives which includes President's "Transformational Goals for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" and Provost's "Academic Strategic Plan 2016-2021". Review of key investigations; chart a course, conduct studies of strategic goals, relationships with other companies, regional influences/host communities, stewards of the environment/our carbon footprint, asset management, housing and residential life. The current planning initiatives are to be incorporated into the Master Plan RFP. Kip requested input from the MPRT to develop an RFP with very specific goals and help select a consultant that will best meet URIs needs.

Preliminary input included:

- Research + Innovation related to pedagogies
- Experiential learning
- Social spaces for informal collaboration
- Examine the growing proliferation of maker spaces across campus
- Examine off-campus partnership sites:

- Agricultural Innovation District to promote faculty/student participation at East Farm
- Technology incubator in Providence and the I-195 corridor
- Work Force Training
- Research park or industry partner sites such as Schneider Electric
- Need for transportation solutions related to off campus programs and sites; note RINEC in Providence
- Coordination with Town of South Kingstown and regional planning
- Respect for the heritage of landscape, open spaces, and outdoor laboratories on campus
- Implication of recent college reorganizations, i.e. College of Health Sciences
- Better access to core facilities
- Definition of the campus edge to surrounding community requires an updated analysis and understanding
- Understanding transportation and infrastructure needs to be updated relative to Contemporary issues of access, regional and local connectivity, and reducing dependence on single occupancy vehicles.
- Better integration of Arts + Design with the rest of campus and other departments to integrate disciplines and collaborative learning
- The Comprehensive Campaign goes beyond the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Emphasize wellness and recreation
- Restrictions on growth?
- Sustainability as a guiding principal
- Growth of Faculty and Student enrollment to be taken into consideration

Kip will distribute draft RFP to MPRT members and incorporate comments for final review May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. Public Safety Planning Initiative**

Steve Baker discussed the feasibility study for Public Safety. Currently Public Safety is scattered amongst 3 buildings; 44 Lower College Road, 177 Plains Road, and 85 Briar Lane. Analysis of having all public safety departments combined under one roof is needed. This study would include reuse of building studies, site access analysis, budget of costs, accreditation standards.

## **3. Construction Fence Approach**

Due to the significant amount of new construction and renovations currently taking place on campus, there is a desire to make the fencing in these high visibility areas more attractive. Options would be site specific signs, which may reflect what is coming to that area with potential web links or virtual information sites or universal college signs that may be used in all areas. Further discussion of sign content needed.

## **4. Skateboard Sign**

There has been damage to the Butterfield deck and south side stairway at Chemistry due to skateboarders. Recommendation for No Skateboarding signs to be placed in these two locations to help with enforcement. Three steps will be taken in regards to the current request for signage:

1. Consultation with student affairs to make sure everyone is aware of the skateboard damage and to show them the proposed No Skateboarding signs and receive feedback.

2. A temporary No Skateboarding sign will be installed at both locations.
3. More comprehensive studies prior to putting up more permanent signs. A subcommittee is needed to look at campus sign policies in general.

Motion made by Vern Wyman to approve this course of action. Motion seconded by Steve Baker.  
Motion passed.

The April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.