

Senate Plant Utilization and Planning Committee: 2009-2010

Officers: Paul Munro & Irene Frieze (Co-Chairs), and Tracey Olanyk (Secretary)

New Mission Statement: The Plant Utilization and Planning Committee advises the University Senate on matters concerning the physical plant and environment of the University. Its responsibilities include: reviewing the capital budget and plans for new construction; monitoring the renovation and maintenance of our present facilities; investigating the utilization of space and energy; encouraging and monitoring prudent use of all physical resources; reviewing the design and renovation of classrooms; and advising on projects that affect the quality of life of students, faculty, the University and the associated communities.

It carries out these responsibilities by cooperating with the administration, other university and senate committees, and student and community representatives. This cooperation includes representation by the committee on the University Planning and Budget Committee, occasional joint meetings with other senate committees and community representatives and constant interaction with administrators responsible for the planning, design, maintenance and utilization of these physical facilities. The committee provides for faculty, student, and staff involvement in carrying out its mission and reports to, as required, the Faculty Assembly, the Senate Council, and the officers of the University Senate.

Old Mission Statement: The Plant Utilization and Planning Committee advises the University Senate on matters concerning the physical plant and environment of the University. Its responsibilities include: reviewing the capital budget and plans for new construction; monitoring the renovation and maintenance of our present facilities; investigating the utilization of space; reviewing the design and renovation of classrooms; and advising on projects that affect the quality of life of students, faculty, the University and the associated communities. The committee provides for faculty, student, and staff involvement in carrying out its mission and reports to, as required, the Faculty Assembly, the Senate Council, and the officers of the University Senate.

Activities for 2009-2010

1. Regular updates on building uses and renovations.
2. Regular updates on sustainability from Sustainability Subcommittee chaired by Buck Favorini. See <http://www.pitt.edu/green.html> for more information.
3. Discussion of recreational facilities for faculty and staff.
4. Discussion of landscaping and grounds.
5. Update on classroom renovations.
6. Other issues:
 - a. Bicycle and Pedestrian safety
 - b. Update on disability issues relating to fire evacuations.
 - c. Resolution on breast feeding update.

Last year, the University agreed that each unit should attempt to provide space as needed for women who want to pump breast milk. Members of the Child and Dependent Care Committee [a sub-committee of the ad hoc Senate Gender Equity Committee] have heard that some units refuse or are unable to provide such space. To respond to this need, the Committee is working to develop a list of spaces around the University where women can go if they have no suitable local space available. PUP will assist by helping to identify such space.