



GENESEE STAFF COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda: June 7, 2024

Location: <https://rochester.zoom.us/j/92625883032>

8:55 – 9:00 AM – Welcome (Group Norms/Zoom etiquette)

9:00 – 9:30 AM – Mike Chihoski: Campus Master Plan project presentation

9:30 – 10:00 AM – Housekeeping

- Approval of May meeting minutes
- Co-Chair updates
- **Vote on two items:**
 - **Vote on bylaws change:** Co-Chair succession plan
 - **Vote on approval of GSC Annual Report**
- Red Wings game availability

10:00– 10:10 AM – Break

10:10 AM –10:20 AM –GSC Orientation prep activity overview (*handbook information*)

10:20 – 10:50 AM – Committee breakout sessions: Compile relevant information for new Council members, and set goals for the upcoming year

10:50—10:55 AM –Activity transition

10:55 – 11:25 AM – District breakout session: Compile relevant information for new Council members, and set goals for the upcoming year

11:25 – 11:35 AM – Wrap-Up

- Matters arising
- Summary, wrap up, and takeaways
- Good news

Attendees: Melinda Adelman, Chennel Anderson, Laura Ballou, Brandi Bangle, Rachel Bills, Kristi Brock, Jamie Brown, Leah Brown, Amanda Carter, Lindsay Chasse, Marisa

Chiodo, Leslie Collison, Maria Fagnano, Scott Fearing, Mary Hallinan, Shari Hofmann, Arian Horbovetz, Charles LaBrake, Aaron Landcastle, David Lanni, Hannah McCLOW, Patrick Meagher, Darin Meszler, Andria Mutrie, Michael Occhino, Katie Papas, Brenda Pitoni, Tacarah Reyes, Nate Ridley, Marc Seigfred, Amanda Sharpe, Sarah Siddiqui, Ashley Smith, Rachel Stuckey, Molly Snyder, Thuy Tran, Dan Watts, Joe Williams

Guest: Mike Chihoski

Amanda Sharpe welcomed the group in place of the Co-Chairs, who are on travel, and went over the day's agenda and group norms.

Campus Master Plan project presentation

Mike Chihoski: I appreciate the opportunity to be here to talk about the work we're doing on the Campus Master Plan project. This is the same presentation that the Board of Trustees saw last month. The last time we did a plan was in 2008, and typically you should update these plans every 10 years if possible. We've seen significant growth since 2008, and we want to align with our strategy. Some key items, we're looking at academic and research spaces, student and family housing, and we are looking at whether we should have workforce housing available. We are also focused on clinical facilities, transportation and parking, and sustainability initiatives.

Mike gave some background on the campus planning processes dating back to 1905, when the Memorial Art Gallery plans were first made. He noted that the Lehigh Valley Rail line is a unique asset to the University that we are looking at how best to leverage. They are also looking at how to connect areas of the campus using the pedestrian bridges that the University owns.

Mike Chihoski: It's been about 60 years since they've first planned a parking structure that would run along Campus Drive. We are looking at that again as part of this plan, and we do plan to see some structured parking in the plan. So far, we've selected a consultant to work on this; it's a joint venture between Behnisch Architekten and Dumont Janks. We are focused on how to connect the campus as One University, and how to build a connection to the beautiful green space connecting our campus. We want a plan that is both aspirational and actionable. As far as stakeholder engagement, we've had transportation and dining surveys, and comap opportunities. We've had over 2,000 students participate, almost 6,000 staff, almost 900 faculty, and about 400 community members. We're going to continue to gather this kind of feedback throughout the planning process. We have about 15 more months until the plan is completed, and then we will get final approval of the plan from the Board of Trustees.

Mary Hallinan: Why don't we build over top of Elmwood or Crittenden in a raised structure like hospitals have done major cities.

Mike Chihoski: We can, bridges are expensive. But you may not know that we do have tunnels below Elmwood and Crittenden. We do want to focus on getting people outside, creating more green space, and using the tunnel system that already exists.

Melinda Adelman: Even just elevated crossings over Crittenden and Kendrick would improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety by a lot.

Mike Chihoski: Absolutely, and that's part of the transportation plan that's going on right now. We need to figure out how to move more people.

Kristi Brock: That was exciting and enlightening. I'm just curious, how are you looking at prioritizing based on the needs we have today? For example, we had a flood in the med center that has not yet been addressed.

Mike Chihoski: First off, we have started the build back of that building. The hold up was with our insurance carrier. We are using the Strategic Plan to define our priorities.

Mary Hallinan: I'm in information security, risk, and compliance. When the AOC at Marketplace Mall was built, they promised a lot of devices and structures that were built into it in an early phase, like subflooring for a treadmill. But they never cleared those devices through risk and compliance. How do we get involved earlier to make sure these devices coming in are appropriate for our enterprise and can be sustained on our network?

Mike Chihoski: A lot of that is project-specific. The large plan is looking at the infrastructure as a whole. There is a commissioning process now in place for individual buildings, so IT should be part of that design review.

We will gather up chat comments and email them to Mike and ask that he get back to us with some additional answers

Housekeeping items

Amanda Sharpe presented the May meeting minutes for approval. The minutes were approved by the present Council members.

Katie Papas presented the annual report content for approval. The annual report content was unanimously approved by the present Council members.

Amanda Sharpe shared the proposed bylaws changes re: Co-Chair succession planning. The bylaws were unanimously approved by the present Council members. The new changes will be reflected in the updated bylaws on the website.

Amanda Sharpe: The Co-Chair update is a very short one. Before Jon went on vacation, he shared two items that he asked me to pass along. If you recall, at the May meeting, Jon mentioned that the GSC Co-Chairs were invited to present at the Board of Trustees meeting right before Commencement weekend. Unfortunately, the BoT had some rather significant changes to the agenda and staff council and faculty senate were not able to present at the May meeting. The students did present to the BoT due to recent events. The GSC Co-Chairs did attend the meeting, and the hope is that they will be able to present at the October meeting. The second item, as we move toward the end of our term cycle, for those who are up for potential re-election, this is the annual reminder to let us know what you are planning to do. Please email the GSC inbox with your plans. Last summer, one of the activities we did as a Council was a Red Wings game, as a chance to get out and get to know each other better. We did get approval to do that again this year.

Brandi Bangle: The engagement committee is putting together an event at a Red Wings game for GSC members. We'll reserve a block of seats for all GSC members who RSVP, and tickets will be paid for by the GSC. You can bring a guest if you like, but they will need to purchase their own ticket. Please fill out the doodle poll with your availability by COB Tuesday, and we will select a game date based on everyone's availability.

Breakout activities

Kristi Brock: In preparation for our September orientation day, we are going to have two breakout activities with the objective of creating a one-page document for both subcommittees and districts that will be included in the GSC orientation booklet. This activity is geared toward new GSC reps and what we want them to know about our subcommittees and districts. When the worksheets are done, please send them to the GSC email to be collected by the Co-Chairs and Brandi.

Everyone went into breakout rooms based on subcommittees. Breakout notetakers were:
Communications: Andria Mutrie
Internal Affairs: Marc Seigfred
Engagement: Rachel Bills
Accessibility: Arian Horbovetz
Special Projects: Laura Ballou

Everyone went into breakout rooms based on district. Breakout notetakers were:
Advancement: Ashley Smith
AS&E: Melinda Adelman
AuxUnion: Rachel Stuckey
Central: Leslie Collison
Libraries: Sarah Siddiqui
SMD Admin: Andria Mutrie
SMD Basic: Arian Horbovetz
SMD Clinical: Rachel Bills
University IT: Marc Seigfred
Eastman and LLE and Simon districts were not present

Wrap-Up

Dan Watts: Has Executive Committee discussed AS&E redistricting?
The Executive Committee is discussing this topic at the next meeting. Marc offered to help if we need assistance.

Scott Fearing: I have a Safe Space lab conversation upcoming that is open to anyone dealing with an employee who transitioned their gender within the university.

Michael Occhino: We are in a Dean transition right now. I learned that graduate students are likely to unionize. It made me interested in the concept of unionization and what we might be able to learn from that process ourselves. How might we get engaged with graduate student body in the same way we are engaged with Faculty Senate?

Laura Ballou: Campus event on Tuesdays this summer:
<https://www.rochester.edu/college/wcsa/programs/tasty-tuesdays.html>

Amanda Sharpe concluded the meeting and asked that everyone please send in their district and subcommittee worksheets by next Friday, June 14. Our July meeting will be in person at the Memorial Art Gallery.