

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

March 26, 2012

Present: Beth LaShell, Chairman;; Barbara Harris, FLC Foundation; Cynthia Dott, Faculty;, Roy Horvath, Staff; Kalen Elliott, Community Heidi Baskfield , FLC Trustees

Absent: Mike Kelly, ASFLC; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Richard Miller, Executive Director for Research, Planning, and Assessment

Guests: Amy Stengel, AG office; Dr. Barbara Morris

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, March 12th minutes;

The meeting was convened in the Cascade room at 4:00 pm.

Introductions and Announcements

Public comment (5 minutes/ speaker) None

Approval of March 12th minutes

Kalin moved to approve the minutes, Cynthia 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Meeting Dates: 2012 dates are April 16, April 30th

Old Fort Website: www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort ; As approved, minutes are added to website.

Proposal for Non-Academic Use. Beth reported that Fred completed the guidelines on March 14th . Buffalo Council applied for use to hold an evening campfire culminating their buffalo feast. Application was approved by committee via email. She proposed that the application be split into two separate applications, one for Fort Lewis College and one for community groups. It will make it easier for applicants to correctly complete the application. There are still some questions about the content of the Non-Academic Use Polices.

Infrastructure

Water and Sewer System Mark Gutt has prepared interview questionnaire for selected engineers with a due date of April 13th. FLC is required to request interviews from at least three engineers.

Electrical System – No update.

Response to Buffalo Council Document

Amy Stengel has received no response from Buffalo Council or Bobby Abshire since sending the document.

Community member update:

Roy presented the final draft email to the committee for approval. Barbara Harris moved that we send the email along with the FAQ document. Kalen Elliott 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Beth will send the email to those community members that attended the public meeting in Breen in January of 2011. Roy Horvath will forward it additional community members.

The committee talked about the best way to include community input. Barbara suggested that we invite members to periodically attend meetings so we can address their concerns.. She will invite Loretta Paulek Lee to the next meeting.

Signs

Beth will contact the campus signage committee and marketing department to see if there are any requirements for signage at Old Fort.

Evaluation of current projects

Beth reported that she had a meeting with Sodexo and they indicated that foods produced at the Old Fort could be utilized in the cafeteria and catering events under the campus garden exemption. She will follow up with Chris Wilke on this exemption. The committee also ask if groups that use the Old Fort would be required to following the Sodexo catering requirements.

Identifying Academic programs

Dr. Barbara Morris attended the meeting to answer questions related to academic programs and the Old Fort.

Do programs define academics or academics define programs?

The land provides opportunities and we want to capitalize on these resources. The Faculty own curriculum. Administration can offer ideas and entice them to develop curriculum but it is the faculty's responsibility to create curriculum and get it through curriculum committee. It is the administration's responsibility for fiduciary responsibility.

Can the administration offer support to encourage Old Fort activities?

The college can support co-curricular activities, help with transportation expenses, support field work and summer research opportunities. Areas of interest include engineering, environmental studies, GIS, land and resource management. We are finishing an MOU between FLC, Forest Service and land management to create robust internship programs. It could be a model for other relationships. Eventually, we could hire new faculty with expectations to develop programs for Old Fort.

The Steering committee is charged with short and long term planning. How can our uses be compatible with long term academic programs?

It may take a couple of years to develop that long term academic program. There are currently 29 position requests pending with only 6 available positions.

What ideas do you have for funding academic program development?

Creating a "use" endowment for the Old Fort that could entice faculty to develop curriculum, assist with associated costs and encourage student participation. The Foundation has worked on building and scholarships drive so an Old Fort use endowment would be a different focus. Dene is working with a consultant to create a crafted fundraising message with prioritized wish list for the college. Other ideas include using OCE monies but it would compete with campus needs.

Is it a priority of the institution?

The Old Fort fits in with the strategic plan and is a part of our history and culture. We will meet with Deans and Councils of Chairs to brainstorm ideas. Beth should continue to go to department meetings to gather ideas; especially outside the Sciences.

What guidelines do you have for partnering with other schools or entities?

Integrity , appropriate use and mutually beneficial. Companies with special interests (water, mineral, non-profits, and leadership entities) could fund internships.

New Business

Kalen moved to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Next Meeting topics. Continue discussion of topics