

To: **Campus Planning Committee:**

Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, Provost, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Laurence Furukawa-Schlereth, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Dan Condron, Vice President, University Affairs
Dr. Nate Johnson, Senior Director for Public Safety, Chief of Police
Mr. Christopher Dinno, Senior Director for Facilities Management
Mr. Rick Ludmerer, Senior Director for Risk Management
Ms. Stephanie Giordano, Principal University Planner, Chancellor's Office (absent)
Mr. Bill Fusco, Director of Athletics
Mr. Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Dr. Scott Miller, Chair, Academic Senate (absent)
Dr. Susan Moulton, Chair-Elect, Academic Senate
Dr. Scott Severson, Faculty Representative, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Michael Visser, Faculty Representative, Business and Economics
Ms. Elizabeth Chelini, Staff Representative (absent)
Mr. Tyson Hill, Director of Emergency Services
Ms. Carol Ingerman, Director of Campus Planning
Mr. Derek Pierre, President, ASI (absent)
Mr. Greg Grenier, Student Representative (absent)
Mr. Steve Kwok, Campus Consulting Architect (absent)
Mr. Eric Carlson, Community Member
Ms. Karen Tillinghast, *Guest Presenter* for Native Garden Tool Shed and Butterfly Garden Signage

From: Dr. Ruben Armiñana,
President

**Subject: Campus Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
from the April 6, 2009, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
meeting, Salazar Hall, Conference Room A**

Petaluma Hill Road and East Cotati Avenue Signage

Christopher Dinno, Senior Director for Facilities Management presented a concept rendering for proposed signage on the southeast corner of campus where Petaluma Hill Road and East Cotati Avenue intersect. Dinno informed members that the existing signage would be replaced with a new stone wrapped monument sign to match existing signage and towers on campus at the campus' Bodway and Rohnert Park Expressway entrance. Funding for the proposed signage would come from Tuscany Village. Laurence Furukawa-Schlereth, Vice

President for Administration and Finance, Chief Financial Officer inquired if the signage would have Sonoma State University as the concept rendering did not depict the full name. Dinno clarified for committee members that due to the sign design of being curved, the rendering did not show University but the full name of Sonoma State University would appear on the sign.

Dinno informed members that the existing landscape surrounding the existing sign would be re-landscaped with evergreen trees and illumination to wall wash the sign. Scott Severson, Faculty Representative, Physics and Astronomy inquired about the intensity of the light as the proposed signage is adjacent to the Observatory. Dinno informed Severson that the lighting would be minimal and would not interfere with Observatory activities.

Action Item-The committee unanimoously approved the Petaluma Hill Road and East Cotati Signage.

Native Garden Tool and Storage Shed

Christopher Dinno introduced Ms. Karen Tillinghast, Lead Gardener at Sonoma State University to committee to present the proposed tool and storage shed for the Native Garden.

Tillinghast informed committee members that within the Native Garden on campus adjacent to the Copeland Creek Buffer Zone, native plant propagation classes which are funded by the Sonoma County Water Agency are held for students for learning. The classes require the use of tools and storage of seeds and other materials. Due to the lack of storage, the Santa Rosa Water Agency has offered to fund a storage shed to be placed in the area where the classes are held. Tillinghast presented a site plan depicting where the shed would be placed along with a concept rendering of the shed type and color. The proposed shed would be six feet wide, eight feet long and seven feet, six inches in height painted in a deep brown to blend into the proposed site with a skylight to provide lighting.

President Armiñana expressed concerns for safety and security of the shed. Nate Johnson, Senior Director for Public Safety, Chief of Police informed committee members that he is familiar with the shed manufacturer structures and they are a high quality material however, the locks could be enhanced for further security. Tillinghast informed members that the shed would be kept locked and there are no windows in the shed that could be broken into. Susan Moulton, Chair-Elect, Academic Senate inquired who would be the users of the shed. Tillinghast informed members that she, as a co-instructor and the students would be the users.

Eric Carlson, Community Member mentioned to committee members that this would be the addition of a temporary building and that the campus should avoid using temporaries. President Armiñana stated that indeed the campus does not promote the use of temporary buildings and limits their use on campus however; this proposed structure would be placed in

an inconspicuous area. Dinno informed members that the structure could easily be dismantled if the need arises in the future.

Action Item-the committee unanimously approved the Native Garden Tool and Storage Shed.

Butterfly Garden Interpretive Signage

Tillinghast informed members that since the early 1990's, a volunteer group from the Santa Rosa Garden Club has been tending to the Butterfly Garden with assistance in plant fund raising, seed donation, bench purchases and overall promotion of the garden. Julie West, a long time volunteer and member of the Santa Rosa Garden Club, and President-elect of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. requested that as part of her Presidential Project of increasing the use of interpretive signs throughout public gardens, Sonoma State University accept and install a gifted sign in the Butterfly Garden.

Tillinghast presented the site plan and concept rendering to the committee. The proposed location for installation of signage would be installed to replace a dilapidated bench. The concept rendering presented showed the style of signage that standard in parks and recreation areas. The approximate cost of the donated sign is \$5K. President Armiñana informed the committee that any signage installed on campus must follow the University Signage Policy even if it increases the cost of the project. Dinno assured the President and committee members that the sign design would follow the existing policy with the logo and University blue colored text and that he would work with the designer to ensure the design met policy criteria. Dinno informed members that the sign would be monument quality, a porcelain covered metal sign.

Tillinghast informed committee members that the sign would show photos and descriptions of the natural habitat species that frequent the Butterfly Garden. In addition to having photos and interpretive information, the President-elect of the California Garden Club would like to have an inscription on the sign honoring a long time Sonoma State University Butterfly Garden volunteer, Mary Merritt. Committee members took no exception to having her name on the sign to honor her however; President Armiñana affirmed that the sign would have to follow University Signage Policy criteria.

Action Item-The committee unanimously approved the Butterfly Garden Interpretive Signage with the design remaining consistent with University Signage Policy.

Naming of Main Gymnasium

Bill Fusco, Director of Athletics presented to committee the request to name the Main Gymnasium the Wolves' Den to promote a greater sense of collegiate atmosphere and

support of Sonoma State University Athletes. Fusco informed members of the committee that this was initiated on behalf of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), University Athletic Association (UAA) (Official support group of SSU Athletics) and the Athletic Advisory Council (AAC). Fusco informed members that other California State University's have had naming opportunities incorporating the school mascot as well including Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay and San Francisco State. Fusco presented the site plan of the Main Gymnasium courts within the Physical Education Building depicting the areas proposed for naming the Wolves' Den with the Seawolf Paw Print logo. The proposed areas are interior four walls of the gym, painted home and visitor ends of the court and the lobby signs above the Main Gymnasium interior entrances.

Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management stated that this would not only increase the collegiate spirit for Athletic patrons but it would tie all Sonoma State University students together by being identified as a Seawolf.

Carlson inquired if the logos on the court floor could be relocated or removed if a potential donor came forward. Fusco informed committee members that they could easily be removed if this opportunity presented itself.