



Facilities Planning & Management

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

Campus Planning Committee

April 16, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

Bascom Hall– Room 260 + Virtual Teams

8:30am to 10:30am

NOTE: No meeting recording available

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Andrew Bent, Kate Corby, Nick Devries, Glenda Gillaspy, Josh Goldman, Yoshiko Herrera, Nicole Jennings, Doug Reindl, Bill Schrage, Nola Walker, John Zumbrunnen

Excused: Craig Berridge, Ashley Hagen, Jonathan Levine, Tom Purnell, Eric Wilcots

FP&M: Ellen Agnew, Angie Bollinger, Kirsten Coe, Jake Cox, Sadie Derouin, David Gerber, Janine Glaeser, Hayden Groot, Chad Hinman, Lindsey Honeyager, Rhonda James, Jesse Lucky Winters, Gabe Mendez, Missy Nergard, Dennis Rodenberg, Ginny Routhe, Margaret Tennesen, Scott Utter, Van Van Wyk, Mila Yasko

Guests: Fawn Behrens-Smith, Dan Byerly, Jesse Moshure, Ryan Pingel, Doug Sabatke, Kurt Stephenson, Kate Sullivan, Terrence Volden

- Provost Zumbrunnen, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025
 - Committee member name added to attendance list. Approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2027-33 Six Year Capital Budget Plan (Torstveit)
 - Presentation of where we are in the process. Reviewed project lists from each of the three biennia.
 - Bent: How or why did ‘health’ get integrated so deliberately into many of the project titles?
 - Torstveit: Naming of projects is strategic to making them translatable to approving bodies and potential funding opportunities.
 - Zumbrunnen: Coincidentally multiple ‘health’ projects are being proposed on the same timeline. Making a compelling case to external audiences.
 - Campus Discussions around the Humanities Site
 - The site is very large and a significant amount of prime real estate based on its well-connected location and access. This creates many interested parties and potential uses. This site could be the largest building project in the university’s history, and as such there needs to be a compelling reason and support from a broad constituency when asking for funding. In the immediate term we have funding to deconstruct the existing facility and will continue to discuss future programming.

- Reindl: The \$349M is just for demolition and relocation.
 - Torstveit: Demolition of the existing building with an addition onto Hamel and an addition onto the Art Lofts building to decant the existing users out of Humanities.
 - Reindl: It appears the naming is confusing and we are spending a significant amount of money to demolish a building.
 - Torstveit: We have gone back and forth on the naming with our state partners. If you recall, we took a 'Humanities' Art building to the State legislature two or three times in the past and have never received funding. The focus on this project name is to remove the Humanities building.
- Anderson: What was the history to determine demolition of the Humanities building was the best option?
 - Torstveit: We have done a Humanities adaptive reuse study. The condition and how the building was funded and ultimately constructed has caused a facility that is deteriorating. Leadership believes being able to reuse the site more efficiently is the best option.
 - Bent: Decanting of the existing users of the building is permanent, correct? As campus engages the business community and other Madison entities that this is on the campus of UW-Madison in the core of the campus and we do not try to go too big with one building that is not campus related.
 - Torstveit: This is key corner for the university and want to make sure it aligns with the institutions mission and connects into the rest of campus.
 - Herrera: I did not realize it was a permanent relocation of the Humanities departments. Why is the same exact title used in the 2025 budget and again in the 2027-29 request? It is not obvious to the general public as the name 'Humanities' refers to a site where the building no longer exists.
 - Torstveit: They are the same project. Early request was for the demolition and planning, while the later request is for the vertical construction of the new facilities.
 - Zumbrunnen: It is a strategic naming decision to focus stakeholder attention on the site rather than the result, which currently being worked on with S/C/D's and undefined.
 - Schlecht: This site will be an area of focus in the forthcoming Campus Framework Plan.
 - Jennings: Are there other universities or places that have done similar types of projects successfully?
 - Torstveit: Many of our peer institutions have done projects of similar size and complexity. The forthcoming Framework Plan will specifically look at precedents and opportunities for this location. We will be thoughtful about what works specifically for UW-Madison.
 - Bent: The Old Hospital, MSC, Bardeen, etc. is a large site in the middle of campus. What is the potential future of that site?
 - Torstveit: We will be using the MSC as swing space until after the Humanities site is completed. The Framework Plan will consider what could occur on this site in the context of its facility condition and campus needs.
 - Zumbrunnen: It is important to keep in mind related to our peers and the Humanities/MS sites that the list compiled by UW is considered by System and ultimately the State. The State has the ultimate authority over our projects. UW-Madison cannot issue bonds or hire the architect teams.
 - Anderson: You mentioned there is a presentation related to potential opportunities for the Humanities site and is that publicly available?
 - Torstveit: It is a class presentation that will occur in the near future.
 - Anderson: I would recommend talking to students about what is needed in this part of campus.
 - Torstveit: Definitely, that will be part of the planning process.

b. Strategic Framework Presentation (Zumbrunnen)

- Overview of website ([Link to Strategic Framework website](#))

- The process began in the Spring of 2025, led by Provost Isbell at the time. There were a large number of listening sessions and surveys for campus participation.
- The UW Strategic Framework is restating and reaffirming of our mission around the Wisconsin Idea. It is strategic but not specific.
- Wisconsin Idea is our 'why'. Badger Way is our 'how'. This came out of visioning committee sessions where someone said there is something about the way we do things at UW-Madison that feels distinctive and the Badger Way attempts to capture that feeling.
- Why release a Strategic Framework at UW-Madison now during a Chancellor transition and Universities of Wisconsin leadership change?
 - Framework is not about one person, instead it is a recommitment to our mission, vision and values as an institution.
 - Previous Strategic Plan expired in 2025. Having an updated framework is beneficial for recruitments.
 - Higher education currently difficult in the Federal context. This framework can anchor us during this turbulent time.
 - Suggests where we should change, adapt, and stay the same.
- This framework is a context for which we as an institution can ask big, important questions going forward.
 - Torstveit: This framework is critical as we begin the physical campus Framework Plan and address change going forward.

c. Campus Framework Plan Update (Utter)

- Goals of the Framework Plan
 - Align campus strategic visioning concepts with the campus physical environment.
 - Align planning principles, goals, objectives and recommendations with campus strategic visioning and Campus Framework Plan principles.
 - Coordinate the Campus Framework Plan recommendations with the university's current or recently completed capital projects and pre-design studies.
 - Create new secondary plans (Open Space, Utility, and Transportation) as defined in the project deliverables.
 - Develop a consensus driven plan that fosters a strong sense of place while encouraging interaction and collaboration across campus units and with the surrounding community.
- Bent: To what extent is Educational philosophy or student experience in the age of AI and sense of disempowerment included in this type of planning. The ability for teachers to meet the needs of the students through specific classroom types, etc. To what extent is this determining what consultant will be hired?
 - Utter: It is a question of scale. The Campus Framework Plan will be looking at the 30,000 foot level and also include the allowance for the specifics you are talking about to occur with proposed projects.
- Bent: For a student to be inspired it is the physical environment which they are living in, but it is also the classrooms and learning environments they are experiencing.
 - Zumbrunnen: How you just framed the question is why we needed the Strategic Framework approved and in place. Part of what we want to be doing here at UW-Madison is providing unrivaled educational experiences in the 21st C. which means we need certain types of classrooms which require this sort of space and infrastructure. The selected consultant will be able to use the Strategic Framework Plan to understand our mission, vision and values.
 - Torstveit: We will plan to have Scott give a more in-depth Campus Framework Plan during the first meeting of the fall session in September.

d. Soil Disturbance Policy (Utter)

- Introduction of two new draft policies led by Campus Planning & Landscape Architecture. They are currently going through a stakeholder review process for comment and input.
- There are two policies to address two audiences as our campus is large and complex. These policies need to address both different audiences. One is specific to the faculty and students while the other is specific to consultants, contractors, and staff.
 - UW-6032 Soil Disturbance on University Lands: Research or Teaching Activities

- UW-6033 Soil Disturbance within Archaeological Sites on University Lands: Construction and Maintenance Operations.
- UW-Madison compliance requirements:
 - Wis. Stat. 44.40: Specific to State agencies undertaking projects or actions that may create an adverse effect to any historic, pre-historic, archeological, National Register sites.
 - Wis. Stat 157.70: Specific to burial sites.

4. **ANNOUCEMENTS**

- Next meeting is September 17, 2026

Date	Tentative Agenda Topic(s)	Location
September 17, 2026	CPC Overview & Member Responsibilities Annual Report Approval – 2025-2026 Session Pre-Design Project Presentation: Humanities	Hybrid Bascom Room 260
October 15, 2026	Native Nations Strategic Plan Update (Skenandore) Campus Framework Plan Overview Framework Plan Survey	Hybrid Bascom Room 260
November 19, 2026	Framework Plan Workshop	Hybrid Bascom Room 260
December 17, 2026		Hybrid Bascom Room 260

5. **ADJOURN**

- **Chair adjourned meeting at 10:20am.**