

Building and Grounds Annual Report

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2023-24 Academic year

Fall Meeting: 9/22/24

During this meeting, Logan Woodle was elected as chair. A discussion was held regarding member findings from the 2022-2023 academic year, and how proposed changes to the functionality of the committee could help the committee become more functional. After discussion, it became clear that the committee cannot function effectively under its current charge. These findings were shared with Faculty Senate Staff, and the committee looks forward to finding effective solutions.

Findings

The Building and Grounds Committee was initially tasked with better advocating for CCU's needs as a satellite campus for another state school. During this time the committee was deeply meaningful, helping the state better understand our local needs. As CCU grew and gained independence the role of the committee became more ambiguous, and often it functioned as a reporting point for campus growth. This reporting point gave faculty a better understanding of the planned expansion of the campus and allowed them to better understand the physical requirements of the institution. In some cases, this dialogue allowed faculty to advocate for their needs, along with those of students, and staff. However, over the last decade facilities/grounds planning become so long-term that faculty are often only briefed on choices after contracts, plans, and functionality have all been cemented. Instead of producing a productive dialog, this has produced frustration between faculty and staff, as both feel unable to effectively meet the needs of the other during meetings.

The committee recommends that the Building and Grounds Committee rewrite its charge with an eye toward meaningful dialogs between faculty and staff regarding the functionality of our campus.