

**Springfield Technical Community College
Committee on Facilities and Capital Improvements Report
June 12, 2023**

Present: Trustees Jeffrey Sattler, Norman Roldan, Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, and William Johnson. Also present: President John B. Cook, CFO Andrea Nathanson and CIO Mary Kaselouskas.

Absent: None

Trustee Sattler called the meeting of the Committee on Facilities and Capital Improvements to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Charge/Bylaw Description

Trustee Sattler reviewed the charge to the Committee and indicated that it will meet at least twice per year. The full text of the Committee charge is available in the meeting packet.

President's Perspective

Dr. Cook shared his gratitude for continued investment by Trustees; provided overview of past and existing infrastructure challenges, and noted the value in having this forum to focus given the need from STCC to focus on this subject.

Strategic Plan- Facilities and IT

Andrea Nathanson, VP of Administration and CFO, used the recently-approved STCC Strategic Plan as context for the Committee's work by reviewing Goal 5, "Reimagine STCC for a Sustainable Future", and select objectives related to Information Technology, Facilities and campus space/utilization.

Mary Kaselouskas, Vice President and CIO, presented an overview of Information Technology plans and investments, as well as an outlook on FY24 priorities. She also described the Cybersecurity Center of Excellence currently being developed by STCC at Union Station with grant funding from city, state, and federal funding sources.

VP Nathanson provided updates on the facilities-related Goal 5 objectives, including descriptions of upcoming work to develop a Mini-Master Plan for Building 27 (FY24), and down the road, a new Campus Master Plan (FY25). She also updated the Committee on the project to relocate the School of Health and Patient Simulation (SHPS). As described in the Memo shared by President Cook with Trustees, School of Health & Patient Simulation (SHPS) will now focus on relocation to Building 2, given the prohibitively-high costs to mitigate existing deficiencies in Building 13 and Tech Park. Additional detail about the project costs are included in the meeting packet. Dr. Cook provided a word of caution related to the project and current funding. Of concern is the escalation in project costs (at a per square foot rate), and shared with the Committee that it is likely the current funding stack will not cover the project as things stand. It is likely that renewed conversation and strategy with the Board will be needed; hoping to also hear from DCAMM soon.

Facilities- High Level Budgets

VP Nathanson presented a chart illustrating that the size and scope of the STCC campus is substantially larger than any other community college in Massachusetts, and larger than all but one state university (not including UMass Amherst). She also provided an overview of the various funding sources available for

investment in facilities and capital improvements. Debra Avery, Senior Director of Facilities, walked through the different funding buckets including those projects STCC funds, and those the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) funds for deferred maintenance. She also reviewed the STCC and DCAMM capital budgets, including select examples of key projects.

New Business

Trustee Sattler discussed planning for future meetings, including a suggestion for individual Committee members to make time for campus tours. Trustee Johnson expressed an interest in knowing how much of the campus building square footage is vacant.

Date of the next meeting

January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A roll call vote was taken to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Dominick Uguccione