

MEETING MINUTES FSCOUP

DATE:

1/16/25

TIME:

4:00 PM

FACILITATOR:

Kimberly Kramer

IN ATTENDANCE

Cassie Jones, Marianne Korten, Sherri Martinie, Kimberly Kramer Judy O'Mara, Erin Martinez, Eric Shappee, Don VonBergen, guest Mick Charney, guest Mel Borst, and guest Lauren Ritterbush

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Todd Gabbard, Amy Hageman, Elliot Young, Tom Misilo, Susan Maxwell, David Renter, Paige Vulgamore, Lynn Carlin, and Kimm Dennis

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

No meeting minutes were discussed.

DISCUSSION TOPIC – HERITAGE BUILDINGS & RAZING BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS

A number of faculty and staff are concerned with the process in which campus buildings are being selected to be razed instead of preserved and renovated. This topic will be examined through several FSCOUP meetings. The order of which the individuals will meet with FSCOUP is based on availability. This is the first group.

Three guests were invited to meet with FSCOUP:

- Dr. Mick Charney, KSU Emeritus Associate Professor of Architecture, <https://apdesign.k-state.edu/about/faculty-staff/charney/>
- Dr. Lauren Ritterbush, KSU Professor of Archaeology, https://www.k-state.edu/sasw/anthropology/about/faculty_pages/ritterbush.html
- Mr. Mel Borst, well-known preservation activist in the community

A variety of topics were discussed and summarized below.

1. Awareness of razing of International Student Center KSU Manhattan campus came to most
2. Heritage buildings on KSU Manhattan campus are:
 - A. Anderson Hall
<https://cityofmnhk.com/DocumentCenter/View/1048/Anderson-Hall-Kansas-State-University?bidId=>
 - B. KSAC Radio Towers
<https://cityofmnhk.com/DocumentCenter/View/1055/KSAC-Radio-Towers-Kansas-State-University?bidId=>,
<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/05e7eeb2-ab6b-4158-90ad-b651922b1846>, <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/3bae800b-eb07-4c5f-bfb3-a4488e42e33a>
3. Questions about 'Heritage classification' are:
 - How are buildings classified as 'Heritage Buildings' on campus?
 - Who decides?
 - What criteria is used?

4. Buildings that could qualify as Heritage Buildings on KSU Manhattan campus:
 - A. Danforth Chapel - construction completed in 1949. The chapel is decorated with stained glass windows made from glass pieces that were imported for the chapel from Czechoslovakia, England, France, Germany, and Italy. In 1956, the chapel and auditorium were dedicated to KSU alumni and students who died serving in World War II and the Korean War.
 - B. WWI Memorial Stadium - <https://www.k-state.com/about/wwi/indexwwi/timeline.php>
 - C. Dickens Hall - built in 1908, originally served as home for the Departments of Horticulture, Botany and Plant Pathology. Greenhouses formerly located north of Dickens were demolished in the 1980s to make room for the Chemistry/Biochemistry Building.
 - D. Holtz Hall - originally housed the Department of Chemistry after its construction in 1876. It was also home to counseling services and a women's gymnasium. The building's namesake is "Doc" Holtz, who was known for informally advising students on career, financial and personal matters.
 - E. Nichols Hall – built in 1911 when it housed the physical education and military science departments. It was originally built to resemble a castle, as was the tradition in that era for buildings used by ROTC programs.
 - F. Ahern Field House – constructed 1951
 - G. Farrell Library - In 1926, construction began on a free-standing library, the first building to house only the libraries' collections. Completed in 1927, the library has had 3 structural additions. After the first addition in 1955, the library was named Farrell Library in honor of Francis David Farrell, K-State's eighth president. <https://lib.k-state.edu/libraries-hours/hale-library/historic-farrell-library-great-room/>
5. Marlatt Homestead – home of the first Bluemont College president, built around 1856. https://khri.kansasgis.org/photos_docs/161-3490-00160_10.pdf
6. 1966 National Preservation Act & 1980 Amendment to the National Preservation Act, <https://www.gsa.gov/system/files/NHPA.pdf> & <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/archeology/national-historic-preservation-act.htm>
7. CLG – Certified Local Government
8. Suggested avenues:
 - Determine the equivalent 'CLG' for a university
 - Create something like KU Historic Preservation
 - Create an advisory board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting will be February 6, 2025, at 4:00 pm.