

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services**  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
10:00am - 11:30am  
Gerberding 142

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to order
  2. Approval of agenda
  3. Review of the minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  4. Chair's remarks
  5. Population Health building - Jeannie Natta, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office
  6. Good of the Order
  7. Adjourn
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**1) Call to order**

Christie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2) Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**3) Review of the minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were approved as written.

**4) Chair's remarks**

Christie thanked members for their commitment to the council's work during the year and thanked regular guests for their involvement with FCUFS.

**5) Population Health building - Jeannie Natta, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office**

Jeannie Natta (Project Manager, CPD), Steve Harrison (Project Manager, CPD), and Lyndsey Cameron (Principal Architectural Associate and Public Arts Coordinator, CPD) were present to provide information on the Population Health Facility Project. A PowerPoint was used as part of their presentation (Exhibit 1). It was noted the project is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

*Project overview*

Currently in the project definition phase, the estimated size of the building is 300,000 sq. feet and the budget is \$230,000. The facility is planned to serve as a powerful catalyst for the UW's new Population

Health Initiative, housing the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), Department of Global Health (DGH), portions of the School of Public Health (SPH), and other programs. A member asked about the presence of additional classroom space in the facility. Natta noted fitting teams have been involved in evaluating space for instructional teaching. The building is planned to have a wide range of uses, including:

- ❖ Offices: single/multiple occupancy, open work stations
- ❖ Collaborative group work areas
- ❖ Conference meeting spaces
- ❖ Instructional space
- ❖ Computing laboratories
- ❖ Outdoor spaces associated with program and campus needs

Natta gave a brief overview of the project schedule. Project closeout is planned for March - October of 2020 (construction is set to begin in February 2018).

She provided details of various levels of oversight and development committees. Governance includes participation by Population Health Council, the Provost, Executive Vice President Jeffrey Scott, and several other parties (Exhibit 1).

The Site Review Committee conducted a large scale review of possible sites and brought recommendations to the President, Provost, and UW Board of Regents (BoR). Sites considered were shown to the council (Exhibit 1). Eventually, Site B, which borders 15<sup>th</sup> street and is currently made up of the Guthrie Annexes (Department of Psychology) and Robinson Center was chosen as the site for the project. Parking was discussed; it was noted the lot near the building is rather small and limited. Members believed there were around 30 spots within the lot.

The project executive committee used a set of eight criteria to select the site (Exhibit 1). Site B was selected for various reasons, including:

- ❖ Visibility
- ❖ Central location
- ❖ Includes both outward public and internal campus face
- ❖ Opportunity for classrooms to attract students
- ❖ Ability to move forward with design/construction expeditiously

Outreach went out to students, UW's neighboring communities, faculty and senior leadership, and occupants of buildings on proposed sites (especially those who would be displaced).

### *Early Relocation Planning*

Cameron explained relocation studies took place beginning in June, 2016. The study was designed to facilitate the move of faculty and staff from the Guthrie Annexes and Robinson Center for Young Scholars into temporary locations and then into permanent space. Some of the stakeholders are happy

with the change, as they find the replacement space more suitable to their needs. The Department of Psychology was given a February 2018 vacate deadline. There was some discussion of relocating the Robinson Center. Members of the Center would like to stay on campus. They need classroom space and a general lounge. There will likely be a temporary location before there is a permanent location.

### *Project phases*

The four phases of the project were outlined and defined by Natta. These include Project Definition, Design Pre-Construction, Design Construction, and Occupancy (Exhibit 1). Demolition will begin in February 2018. The Population Health Building is planned to be a flexible facility, one that can be renovated if necessary; the goal is to enable the facility to serve the purposes/stakeholders of the initiative as they evolve.

### *Discussion and questions*

There was some discussion of “flexible space” and how accounting for it in design is carried out. It was noted this requires in-depth advanced planning relating to electricity, space management, creating shell space, as well as a number of other aspects. Tours have been done of successful flexible buildings around Seattle. One of the main purposes of making the space flexible is to allow some groups to move out of the facility and others to move in. There was some discussion of there being no wet labs in the scope. It was noted this was defined some time ago, and the building itself is not designed for wet lab space.

A member asked if the structure is being built in a way that would enable an additional floor to be added later. Natta explained they will maximize the volume of the site as defined in the Campus Master Plan: seven stories high is the current rough approximation, with a height limit of 105 feet.

Natta explained massing diagrams will be available for review in the fall of 2017. The minimum setback from the curbside must be 15 feet, but it will likely be further. There was some discussion of the front entrance of the building and common pedestrian routes. It was noted ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance is difficult from the south approach.

There was some discussion of security. It was noted the building needs to be locked on the side that borders 15<sup>th</sup> street for security purposes, as other university buildings bordering 15<sup>th</sup> see regular security issues. It was noted design should incorporate consideration of lunch and other mealtimes, including space to eat in the facility. Natta explained there is a desire to build a space that is welcoming to all UW community members, even those simply looking for a place to drink coffee and work on their laptops.

There was some discussion of a loading dock being placed on the southeast corner of the building and associated issues with grading.

Christie explained this building will have nice views to the southwest, and have sunset views of the Olympic Mountains. He placed emphasis on preservation of public, open space in the building that includes nice views, and urged not barring use of this type of space only for executive types.

There was some discussion of building efficiencies and balancing input from various users, which is a reality of the Project Executive Committee designing the site. All constituents are being asked to consider the best outcome for the UW and not just their own university interests.

A member noted there should be some consideration of outdoor spaces at high elevations, as these are common liabilities for suicide. It was noted any open windows facing 15<sup>th</sup> will let in a great deal of noise, as well.

Natta and other guests thanked the council for their input, and noted the group will be back in fall quarter to update on project development.

## 6) Good of the Order

McCormick explained a site is currently being identified for additional offsite shelving of UW Libraries collections. Many volumes need to be moved, as capacity at many of the UW's libraries is up at 85-90%.

## 7) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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*Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst*

**Present:** **Faculty:** Bruce Balick, Rich Christie (chair), Laura Little, Murray Maitland, Bill Rorabaugh, AnnMarie Borys, Ashley Emery  
**Ex-officio rep:** Chris Byrne, John Carroll, Steve Goldblatt  
**Guests:** Mike McCormick, Jeannie Natta, George Sandison, Steve Harrison, Lyndsey Cameron

**Absent:** **Faculty:** Ann Mescher, Giovanni Migliaccio, Jan Whittington, Bill Erdly  
**President's designee:** Charles Kennedy  
**Ex-officio reps:** Carly Bainbridge, John Carroll, Steve Goldblatt, JoAnn Taricani

### Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – 205430 Pop Health FCUFS Presentation 2 05-18-17 Rev. 3 (1).pdf