

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
November 10, 2009
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2009 Meeting
2. Building Security, Safety, Locks
Warren Bresko, Crime Prevention Officer, UW Police Dept.
3. U-District Student Residences
Jon Lebo, Interim Director, Student Life Projects, Capital Projects Office
4. HUB Renovations
Jon Lebo
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. Approval of the October 12, 2009 FCUFS meeting minutes

The minutes from the October 12 meeting were approved

2. Building Security, Safety, Locks

Mickey Kelsey and Warren Bresko provided FCUFS with an overview of building security and the UWPD's role in keeping the campus secure. There are a number of issues that complicate building security and safety on campus. First, many older buildings have older locks. Also, due to its huge size and number of buildings, the large numbers of people moving through the buildings, and the tremendous variation in building hours, the campus can be difficult to patrol. Bresko assured the Council that officers do walk through campus buildings at night.

Bresko emphasized the importance of communication regarding building hours and the presence of people in the building after hours. He encouraged staff and faculty to keep their building coordinators updated on special building hours issues. UWPD keeps in close contact with the campus building coordinators. Kelsey emphasized the importance of controlling access to keys.

Another challenge for the UWPD is that many students, faculty, and staff members forget to secure their belongings. Many faculty and staff members forget to lock their doors and windows. Bresko commented that most of the crimes occurring on campus are crimes of opportunity: a thief will seize his chance when a laptop or purse is left unattended for a few moments.

Bresko recommended that campus offices prepare a safety escape route and a shelter-in-place plan. Offices should be prepared for these emergency situations, whether the emergency is a fire, hazardous chemicals, or a shooter on campus. Bresko and Kelsey provided information on the "safe rooms" on campus.

FCUFS discussed the cost of building security. In the current budget climate, how can these security measures be paid for? Bresko suggested a number of low-cost measures, such as convex mirrors in the hallways and bells on doors. Kelsey recommended key card building security systems (keeping track of all card holders who have access to a building).

In response to a question from Ozubko, Bresko provided insight into how to prevent car prowling and good places to park on campus (lots with good lighting and high traffic are safer).

Chair Rorabaugh thanked Bresko and Kelsey for their time and presentation.

3. U-District Student Residences

Lebo and Brown gave a presentation on the West Campus student housing project. Referring to the handout, "Student Housing, West Campus, University of Washington," they provided insight into the plans for the 4 West Campus housing sites: 31W, 32W, 33W, and 35W. (34W will not be developed in the near future). The overall goal is create a residential community in this area. One apartment building and one residential hall will be ready in the late summer of 2011, providing an additional 619 beds to the UW student community. The rest of the halls will be ready in 2012.

Lebo and Brown noted that the American Elm tree located on the 32W site has been designated a heritage tree. It will be saved and made the centerpiece of a small park.

FCUFS discussed the project's design goals, listed in the handout as "Enhance Urban Environment, Maximize Safety and Security, Support the Educational Experience, and Sustainability Targets." Council members discussed the architecture of the buildings and the color of the coated bricks.

Brown and Lebo answered a number of detailed questions about the project, including questions about the budget, the connections between buildings, how the buildings can enhance the urban environment, the public's interaction with the buildings, and the increase in pedestrian traffic from this area to the main campus. Little suggested creating a 1-block crosswalk for pedestrians (allowing pedestrians to cross at any point for one block), giving as an example a successful crosswalk at the University of Texas.

Chair Rorabaugh thanked Brown and Lebo for their presentation.

4. HUB Renovations

Lebo provided a brief overview of the HUB renovation, referring to the handout "Design Goals & Benchmark Statement." This is a student-funded project that will begin construction soon. The HUB will be closed for more than 2 years.

FCUFS discussed the project's design goals, listed in the handout as 1. Welcoming Space, 2. Open the Building, 3. Connect to the Campus, and 4. Build Community.

The HUB will be thoroughly renovated and some parts of the building will be given a more modern look, with an emphasis on natural light, glass, and light-colored brick. Access to the building will be improved and a few green roofs will be added. Many of the trees and landscaping currently in place around the HUB will be removed.

In response to a question about art exhibit space in the HUB, Zuchowski stated that there are plans to try to include space for this function in the new HUB. Ozubko commented that this would be very valuable to his department and students.

Chair Rorabaugh thanked Lebo for his presentation

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

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Minutes by Kristy Carter, Council Support Staff, kcarter4@u.washington.edu

Present **Faculty members:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Ozubko, Gates, Little
Ex officio members: Zuchowski, Walker, Padvorac
Guests: Mickey Kelsey, Warren Bresko, Jon Lebo, Paul Brown

Absent Faculty members: Taylor, Chizeck, Bichindaritz, Treser
President's Designee: Charles Kennedy
Ex officio members: Keister, Albrecht
Regularly Invited Guests: John Schaufelberger, Colleen Pike