

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services**

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

142 Gerberding Hall

Chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of the June 5, 2008, FCUFS meeting minutes.
2. Sites for UW Housing in the West Campus (Rob Lubin, Planning & Operations, Housing and Food Services; Paul Brown, Director, Student Housing Project Group).
3. New Business.

**1. Approval of the June 5, 2008, FCUFS meeting minutes.**

The minutes of the June 5, 2008, FCUFS meeting were approved.

**2. Sites for UW Housing in the West Campus (Rob Lubin, Planning & Operations, Housing and Food Services; Paul Brown, Director, Student Housing Project Group).**

Rob Lubin began by reviewing material he had presented to the Council last spring – illustrating how Housing and Food Services is exploring ways to satisfy the increasing demand for student housing on campus. There are currently 900 students in temporary spaces (e.g. triple rooms and lounges converted into living areas for multiple students). In addition to the demand for this space, many of the existing facilities providing housing are in need of renovation, and surge space will be needed while those facilities are being repaired.

He distributed a handout entitled “Strategic Master Plan – Student Housing” presented to the Board of Regents at their meeting of March 20, 2008. This gave a graphic representation of where current student housing options would be placed in the University District and a timeline of when (if funding is available) each of these facilities would be built.

Today he wanted the Council to begin considering an additional site – site #31 on the Campus Master Plan – to further expand student housing options to students wanting to live on campus. Parking for this building would be in the basement of the building and would be managed by Parking Services. This building, as well as the other sites that would be developed as student housing, would dedicate ground floor space to enhancements for the student/program environment – including lounges, offices, classrooms and other amenities. All would be six- to seven-story buildings.

Other, related council questions and concerns discussed included:

- Concern about parking for the newly restored theater on University Avenue: Site 29 is probably the best answer, but the lot at the southeast corner of University and NE Campus Parkway, is currently under consideration as a possible test-site for permeable asphalt. If this comes to pass, it would be an ideal location for theater parking, at least for the time being.
- Concern that any new construction planned for student housing should be designed to be competitive with what other comparable universities and colleges are currently providing. This will be a significant element for potential students and parents in selecting a college.

- Balancing the need for classroom space with the need for student housing. Classroom space should have priority to sites close to central campus because of the difficulty in traveling from one class to the next when classrooms are so widespread in the District. Incorporating classrooms into dorm buildings has frequently been a consideration, but the bottom line is the requirement that there be enough revenue-producing space to support the funding of building construction.

### **3. New Business**

Colleen Pike suggested that she could discuss the Capital Budget Request at the next FCUFS meeting, including new projects that are coming up for future consideration.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Folk, Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty, [slfolk@u.washington.edu](mailto:slfolk@u.washington.edu)

Present: Faculty members: Rorabaugh, Gates, Little, Moore  
President's designee: Charles Kennedy  
Other ex officio members: Walker

Absent: Faculty member: Bichindaritz, Chizeck, Ozubko, Taylor, Treser  
Other ex officio members: Vandata, Zuchowski, Albrecht

Guests: Rob Lubin, Planning & Operations, Housing and Food Services; Paul Brown, Director, Student Housing Project Group; Phuong Nguyen, ASUW Vice President.