

University Of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., October 18, 2012  
26 Gerberding Hall

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of Minutes from
  3. UW Capital Budget Request, 2013-2015; 2012-2013 Update
  4. Terry/Lander Child Care Center
  5. Historic Site and Building Audio Tour Report
  6. U District Livability Partnership
  7. New Business
  8. Adjournment
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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Bill Rorabaugh. Brief introductions followed amongst council members.

**2. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved without changes.

**3. UW Capital Budget Request, 2013-2015; 2012-2013 Update**

Kirk Pawlowski, Asst. Vice Provost, Capital Resource Planning, P&B was reintroduced to the Council. He provided updates on minor and major Capital requests that UW has made to the Governor's office, attached as **Appendix A: University of Washington 2013-15 State Capital Budget Request**. A new Washington State budget will follow the November election. Pawlowski highlighted collaboration between Washington State University and UW in capital budget expenses, to not compete and potentially reduce state funding available.

Washington State may reduce access to capital funds from the state, which would significantly shift the Restore the Core program. Due to this, strategy has been shifted from preservation to triage, focusing expenses on improving roofs, electrical systems and infrastructure. A 10 year deferred maintenance strategy was formed, with gradual implementation. Pawlowski noted a quick turnaround for use of state funds, which are required to be completed within a 2 year period, or the funding is removed, which puts pressure for projects to be implemented very quickly. Adding to the urgency, funds are not released until half way through the fiscal year, and seed funds are often needed to catalyze these projects prior to receipt of state funds.

Capital and infrastructure funds are being mostly used for renovation of old spaces, though the state has been historically unconcerned with such efforts. These efforts include roofing replacement, replacing the UW Tower's chilled water system, and the UW's district energy resource center. Another large focus is \$22 million being directed at classroom improvements,

both in information technology and classroom space). These are practical and functional, necessary items.

Six building renovations are also being requested following discussions with departments on growth over the next 20 years, in usage and volume of students. These were noted to be:

- **Health Sciences T-Wing:** This is a four-phase project, to renew the building, externally and internally. Large classrooms in this building could temporarily be relocated to other parts of the University, while new spaces are built.
- **UW College of Engineering** – As State Legislature required the University to increase funding for more engineering students, additional space will be needed in Sieg Hall and the Engineering Building.
- **UW Tacoma Innovation Partnership Zone Development:** These costs are a proposed renovation of the last warehouse on the UW Tacoma campus.
- **Hitchcock West:** This building renovation is part of a precinct plan for Health Sciences, and will dovetail with the Health Sciences T-Wing renovation.
- **Denny Hall renovation:** This has remained as a high priority by the College of Arts & Sciences, and it was noted this project cannot be funded incrementally.
- **Lewis Hall renovation:** Lewis Hall is hoped to be renovated over a period of 6 years. This building currently houses Applied Mathematics, and trailers behind it will be removed before the end of the year. First phase would be exterior improvements, windows, roof and exterior.

Other proposed expenses were:

- Additional archival storage was budgeted for UW Libraries
- The Center for Commercialization's Innovation Collaboration Center to be created along the lines of the Fluke Hall model
- Creation of an Interdisciplinary Education/ Research Center for the College of Engineering, to accommodate growth in non-nano engineering fields
- A building to serve as a UW incubator at UW Tacoma.

From this \$175 million request, Pawlowski anticipates only receiving 20-25%. Questions arose on how the items would be selected by the Legislature, and importance was placed on consistency across UW administration in priority. The State will probably express support for the minor capital repairs.

#### **4. Terry/Lander Child Care Center**

Professor Rob Wood, spoke to the Council on behalf of concerned faculty/staff parents of children attending the West Campus Daycare Center. Multiple sites around the Center are experiencing construction which will reach a peak in six months and will continue for four years. Parents are unhappy about efforts to mitigate the impacts of this construction, particularly with noise issues and tarring.

A letter was sent to Provost Ana Mari Cauce on September 26, requesting for more to be done to alleviate the effects of this construction. The Capital Projects Office has been cooperative, and one suggestion was to consider relocating this Center during construction. Though an environmental impact study had been performed, concerns were that this principally discussed impacts on trees, and one parent has moved a child out of the center due to concerns and some parents are even considering legal action.

Out of potential ways to address concerns, it was noted that the only option would be relocation, as construction cannot restrict its hours. An example was given at Stanford, where parents organized when construction was to begin, and the Center was relocated. It was suggested that it would be easier to determine a temporary space than creating new buildings, but availability of such spaces is complicated as such spaces must have significant outdoor space. Other locations are being evaluated by UW Real Estate. Such spaces would require pickup/ dropoff space, outdoor space, a kitchen, and 5-6,000 square feet.

Parents are requesting for further monitoring on noise and air-quality. Should such results be negative, what actions could be taken? Not much can be done. Wood noted that this issue will not go away. Provost Cauce is working to address this issue. The cost of relocating the center was estimated to cost \$5 million.

### **5. Historic Site and Building Audio Tour Report**

Lyndsey Cameron, Principal Architectural Associate, Planning and Budgeting discussed a new “guide by cellphone program.” This is an audio tour across the UW landscape, where signs allow visitors, staff and students to call a number to access stories about campus. The initial 10 locations were described, consisting of relevant architecture, landscapes and art, which were suggested by faculty and staff. Facts, anecdotes and otherwise were solicited from the community. Narrators such as the President and Provost read these stories, and Cameron displayed photos of the locations and the signage.

Noting that locations would be changed should few people access these, Cameron requested input on additional places which could be included, which can be submitted by email. Council members suggested the UW Columns as a potential site. A limit was for a total of 18 locations, beyond the original 10. This program has been active for about one month, and was significantly less than originally had been budgeted, costing \$7,000. Discussion followed on potential for using QR barcodes, integration with the UW app, which has similar functions. This effort is being promoted by the Office of Planning and Budgeting, and will be shared with the UW tour guides, the Visitors Center, and the Daily.

### **6. U District Livability Partnership**

Kateri Schlessman, Sr. Planner, Capital Resource Planning, P&B, was introduced to present on the U District Livability Partnership. The 2021 opening of the light rail station near the UW Tower has generated discussion on how to encourage commercial revitalization and a walkable area, between 15<sup>th</sup> Ave to I-5, from Ravenna to Portage Bay. The initial focus had been on long-term partnerships and leadership capacity, building relationships between the University, community and the city on planning for improvement. She informed of two efforts taking place in this initiative: Community Conversations and Urban Design Framework.

“Community Conversations” are currently underway, gathering community feedback development. These meetings began in spring of 2012, and a first draft of these discussions will be available to the public in November or early December. This information will be used to help further the project. Schlessman informed that meetings are open to the public.

Additionally, an “Urban Design Framework” is being drafted to recommend and review strategies of development for the area. Potential strategies include giving incentives for creation

of additional community benefits, such as childcare, addressing homeless youth in the area, and diverse housing developments.

Three “What’s in your future U District?”<sup>1</sup> sessions will be held on October 25, December 6<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> as part of the “Community Conversations” to gather opinions beyond the committees, rather from community members. The first meeting is regarding transit, the second on economic and urban sustainability, and the third will discuss partnerships and how to move forward. Two other ways to participate were noted through an online survey about the University District, and a photojournal where community members post images of what they like and don’t like about the current community.

Similar efforts were noted to have taken place in the past through the University Community Urban Center Planning Committee. One councilmember had served on this committee, but was unsure of its impact. Schlessman informed that this committees’ work has been referenced within these discussions. Discussion followed on the formal space cap for the University, crime within the area, and urban design. Schlessman encouraged council members to be engaged.

### **7. New Business**

The need of faculty members to serve on the University Transportation Committee / Subcommittee was mentioned.

Discussion also took place regarding the inventory and organization of public art at the University.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. by Chair Rorabaugh.

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**Present:**           **Faculty:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Christie, Ozubko, Gates  
                          **President’s Designee:** Kennedy  
                          **Ex-Officio Reps:** Zuchowski, Goldblatt, Coslett  
                          **Guests:** Lyndsey Cameron, Rob Wood, Kateri Schlessman, Kirk Pawlowski

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Proksch, Balick (Sabbatical), Stecker

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<sup>1</sup> Website available here: <http://udnext.com/>

Appendix A: University of Washington 2013-15 Capital Budget Request

**University of Washington**  
**2013-15 State Capital Budget Request**  
 (\$ in 1,000s)

Requested Projects	2013-15	
	State Funds	UW Building Account
Name	Type	Phase
Minor Capital Repair - Preservation	Repair	D/C
Minor Capital Repair - Program Renewal	Teaching	D/C
Major Infrastructure - UW Tower Chilled Water System Replacement	Infrastructure	D/C
Major Infrastructure - MHSC Roofing Replacement Project	Infrastructure	D/C
Major Infrastructure - UW District Energy Resource Center	Infrastructure	D
Health Sciences Education Phase I - T-Wing Renovation/Addition	Teaching	PD/D
CoE - UW College of Engineering Classroom & Research Renovation	Teaching/Research	PD/D/C
UW Tacoma Classroom Building Renovation - Urban Solutions Center	Teaching	PD/D
Health and Life Sciences - Hitchcock West	Research	PD/D
CAS - Denny Hall Renovation	Teaching	C
CAS - Lewis Hall Renovation	Teaching	C
UW Libraries Archival Storage - Sand Point Building 5	Teaching	PD/D
Innovation Collaboration Center	Research	PD
CoE - Interdisciplinary Education/Research Center I	Teaching/Research	PD
UW Tacoma Innovation Partnership Zone Development - Phase 1	Teaching	PD
<b>Biennial TOTAL:</b>		
	<b>175,650</b>	<b>62,000</b>