

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
Wednesday, 18 October 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. Welcome to new Faculty Members and Charles Kennedy, AVP Facilities Services
3. More Hall Annex (Marty Howlett)
4. Gerberding Bells Project (Ivan Turner)
5. SR520 Issues (Aaron Hoard)
6. New Business

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

The October 18, 2006 meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the May 11, 2006 minutes was deferred to November 1, 2006.

2. Welcome to new Faculty Members and Charles Kennedy, AVP Facilities Service

Balick welcomed new Faculty member Ron Moore, Associate Professor, Philosophy, and new President's designee, Charles Kennedy, Associate Vice President, Facilities Services.

3. More Hall Annex (Marty Howlett)

Howlett stated that the decommissioning portion is complete pending final NRC approval. Once approved, the three-week demolition can begin, followed by backfill and landscape restoration. Howlett distributed the proposed landscape restoration plan, with the proposed work zone shown on page 3 with heavy dash lines. All existing stairways in the area will remain open during construction. The Council suggested improving the current 18" wide path along the stairways used by bikers to wheel their bikes uphill at this location by adding a zigzag pathway for bike and wheelchair use.

Action: Howlett will look into funding for improved bike and wheelchair access, though site could be too steep for meet ADA code.

4. Gerberding Bells Project (Ivan Turner, Doug Jennings, Rebecca Woodgate)

The Bells Project will include construction of a load bearing, partially sound proofed floor that will support the bells and separate the present Chime Loft into two chambers: a belfry for the bells, and a ringing room below for the bell-ringers. Woodgate noted that eight change-ringing bells will be the only set west of Chicago and one of 38 in the United States. Once project is complete, hourly practice sessions will be held weekly. Clappers will be placed on bells during practice so ringing sounds will be muted and audible only to the bell-ringers. Open ringing will be for special occasions, at the request of the Special Event Committee. Bells are expected to be heard within ¼ miles of the tower. This project is currently in the design phase, with installation expected next year once City code issues are fully addressed.

5. SR520 Issues (Aaron Hoard, Jan Arntz-Richards)

SR520 was constructed in 1963 on hollow core columns and is susceptible to storms and earthquake, same as the Alaskan Viaduct. After an eight-year study, two options were identified: no build through 2030, or construction of a four-lane (97 ft. wide including bike

lane) or six-lane (160 ft. wide) replacement. The Pacific Interchange option will widen Montlake Blvd. north to NE 45th Street to six lanes and will require replacing current surface parking with a multi-level parking garage. The Pacific Interchange will stand 105 ft. by the Waterfront Activity Center, and could negatively impact UWMC, ICA, 2.4 acres of Marsh Island and 7 acres of the Arboretum. The Council expressed concerns about the increase in traffic along Montlake Blvd. and Mary Gates Way, up to 1,000 cars per hour, partially due to growth. The increased lanes also encourages SOV traffic, which is counter to UW's goal to increase HOV traffic to campus. With 50% of UW population residing north of the Ship Canal Bridge, and 10% on the eastside, the Pacific Interchange would not benefit the majority of UW's commuters. Concerns regarding toll costs, access from central to south and east campus, lost revenue for UWMC and ICA were raised.

Action: Dewey to supply current residence data on UW population. Balick to coordinate comments from Fisheries, UWMC and obtain Arboretum programs usage data. Hoard/Arntz to share DEIS letter.

4. New Business

Balick reminded Council of the Safeco agenda item on the November 1 FCUFS meeting..

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

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Chizeck, Gates, Little, Moore, Schaufelberger
President's designee: Kennedy
Other ex officio members: Chamberlin, Schoen

Absent: Faculty members: Berry, Treser
Ex-officio members: Fales

Guests: Jan Arntz-Richards, Environmental Planner, Capital Projects Office; Aaron Hoard, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Affairs; Marty Howlett, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Ivan Turner, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Doug Jennings, Architect/Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Rebecca Woodgate, Senior Oceanographer, Oceanography (Senior Bell Ringer)