

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
Wednesday, 17 October 2007
26 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. UW Tower (Colleen Pike)
3. Capital Planning (Colleen Pike)
4. Environmental Stewardship at UW (Charles Kennedy, John Chapman)
5. Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

Balick reviewed the scope of this Committee and reviewed items on this fall's meeting agendas.

The October 17, 2007 meeting agenda was approved.

The May 24, 2007 minutes were approved.

2. UW Tower (Colleen Pike)

Pike shared the UW Tower Planning Progress Report prepared for the Board of Regents meeting. The UW Tower Planning Advisory Committee presented the highest/best use assignments, with financial, academic, students, community, culture, administrative and facilities benefits. Financial benefits include consolidating 340,000 sq. ft. of leased and self-sustaining uses into UW owned property; Safeco gifts of furniture, equipment and artworks. Academic benefits includes decompression space for the School of Public Health and Community Medicine and the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs; new program space for the School of social Work, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, College of Education, and the Burke Museum and Henry Art Gallery; new space for Educational Outreach program, and academic support functions space for the Office of Research and Building C Data Center; and a New University of Washington conference center facility. Students benefit from the relocation of the Development Office Student Call Center and the Visitor Center. Community benefits include increased patronage of neighborhood eateries and shops; increased pedestrian traffic, reduced vehicle trips, "UW" parapet sign as an icon in the community and the welcome events in spring 2008. Administrative functions benefits include consolidation of the Attorney General's Office into one location, having the Office of Planning and Budgeting, the Real Estate Office, and the Attorney General's Office in close proximity to the Office of the Treasurer, and consolidation of Development, Alumni Relations and Marketing. The previous Educational Outreach project has been terminated, and plans are in place to turn the site into a parking lot for a few years. The Collegiana will be used for UWMC patient housing, and the former IHOP is not assignable due to its poor condition. Surface parking lots will continue to be leased out. Council would like to see conference/faculty/staff housing considered in future development plans for the surface lots.

Process is underway to identify campus release space, which turned out to be less than anticipated due to a shortfall in UW Tower operations funding by the State.

Action Taken: Balick thanked Pike for the UW Tower update.

3. Capital Planning (Colleen Pike)

Pike distributed copies of the 2008 State Supplemental Operating and Capital Budget Requests, pending approval at the October 18 Board of Regents meeting. Highlights include request for \$4.5 million for the Safe Campus Initiative's fire /mass alarm systems; \$4.5 million to address identified deficiencies in animal care facilities to ensure compliance and accreditation; \$7.4 million for UW Tacoma to purchase additional land for development and to remediate contaminated soils; \$1 million to increase access to UW Children's Centers, with option to increase access to the West Campus Child Care Center; \$1.5 million for predesign and design funding for the construction of a House of Knowledge Longhouse on the Seattle campus to provide a culturally responsive learning environment. The Long house project ties in to the University's vision and values of diversity in student/staff recruitment and retention. This project is currently in the feasibility study stage. The Longhouse group would like a high visibility site for this project. Sites under consideration are 54E south of Urban Horticulture and 2C east of the Observatory. The Office of Development is also pursuing donor funding for this project. The development of a four-year tech focused North Campus is mostly driven by the Legislature, and is too early in the process for inclusion in the 2008 capital budget request. The new Interdisciplinary Academic Building will be located at the corner of Stevens Way and Grant Place, which will necessitate removal of Johnson Annex and relocation of Cunningham Hall. The primary site selection criteria for this building is vibration sensitivity. This project is in predesign phase, and the footprint of the new building will be coordinated with Earth Sciences.

Action Taken: Council thanked Pike for the presentation and asked for updates on the Longhouse and North Campus at the November 28 meeting.

3. Environmental Stewardship at UW (Charles Kennedy, John Chapman)

Kennedy distributed a handout on environmental stewardship accomplishments and talked about President Emmert's commitment to environmental stewardship as a UW value by adopting the University's "Policy on Environmental Stewardship" and its related permanent Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC), which is chaired by Sandra Archibald. This culminated the campus grass root movement began several years ago, which gained momentum as it garnered support from EVP Ihrig. President Emmert also signed on to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Facilities Services took the lead on the administrative side and established a reputation locally and nationally on sustainable practices, and a Greenhouse Gas Emission Report will be available as early as January. ESAC is looking for initial and equal support for environmental stewardship from the academic side of campus. Sustainable accomplishments from 2000 to 2007 includes 10% reduction in fuel, 2% reduction in electricity and 32% reduction in water usage at the Seattle Campus, saving a total of \$57 million in utility costs since 1997. All purchased electricity for the Seattle Campus is 100% renewable and 100% carbon neutral. UW has approximately 50 LEED nationally accredited professionals on staff (20 of which is in Facilities Services), one of the top 3 universities in the US and the first on the West Coast. From 2002 to 2005, UW has received over 25 awards from various National, State, City and County organizations, as well as Seattle City Light, for successfully implementing sustainable, environmental, conservation and transportation programs. Facilities Services also participate in new buildings design review, and \$5 million of landfill costs have been avoided through recycling. Many new buildings have showers and bike rooms to encourage bicycling to work. Of the various modes of travel, air travel creates the largest amount of carbon emissions, and web conferences should be encouraged. Other ways to lessen carbon emissions include close in housing alternatives for faculty and staff, core scheduling to accommodate telecommuting 1-2

days/week, replacing desktop computers with laptops. Individual building meters for electric and water usage was proposed. A few websites for additional information are <http://www.washington.edu/admin/facserv/sustainability.php>
<http://www.washington.edu/about/environmentalstewardship/>
<http://www.uwv.org/programs/displayevent.aspx?rID=16272&fID-2425>

Action Taken: Council thanked Kennedy and Chapman for the presentation.

6. Resolutions and Recommendations

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

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Berry, Chizeck, Gates. Little, Moore, Ozubko, Rorabaugh, Treser
President's designee: Kennedy
Other ex officio members: Pike, Schoen, Walker
Absent: Faculty member: Bichindaritz
Guest: John Chapman, Executive Director, Campus Engineering and Operations, Facilities Services