

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services

Thursday, 5 June 2008

UW Tower Board Room

Chair Balick called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. Overview of UW Ventilation Safety Committee (Mark Murray, Stephanie Steppe)
3. Relocation of Cunningham Hall (David Allen, Amy Piedalue, Denis Martynowych , Steve Tatge)
4. An Early Look at UW's Biennial Capital Request (Colleen Pike)
5. Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

The June 5, 2008 meeting agenda was approved.

The May 1, 2008 minutes was revised and approved.

2. Overview of UW Ventilation Safety Committee (Mark Murray, Stephanie Steppe)

Murray distributed an informational packet on the UW Ventilation Safety Committee. This Committee was appointed on March 13, 2001 by John Coulter, Executive Director, Health Sciences Administration, to assure the promotion and protection of the health and safety of faculty, staff and students, particularly in research settings. Committee membership includes representation from across campus and one member from outside the University. The report from the Ventilation Safety Committee addressed questions related to the Meng Value Analysis of University construction standards on ventilation and is advisory to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety and the Assistant Vice President of Facilities Services. The Committee reviewed University standards for fume hoods and value analysis recommendations, documented standards, and put together a Lab Safety Design Guide in 2003 with a policy for lab criteria, which was adopted as part of the University's standards. Besides a number of ventilation revisions, the Committee also recommended bringing in a consultant to review all levels of details to ensure adequate commission for the life of the building, to be funded by capital safety dollars. Following the primary charge of safety and secondary charge of energy reduction, the guide is applied in a case by case basis to each building project. Council commented that for two years in the 90's, lab occupants frequently experienced numbness and sickness, causing lab shutdowns. At the same time alarm systems were installed which were set off by art and gravel dust. Murray was not aware of any severe issues at the time, and all agreed that there are no current issues. Steppe noted that biosafety labs ratings have been lowered from level three to level two, with a lot of training programs for different kinds of research, and folks involved have been fairly happy with the procedures. The current system is working well, but there is no backup system in place. Murray stated that Environmental Health and Safety needs a better training program, especially when EH&S safety professionals inspect labs on a three-year cycle, when inspections should be done yearly.

Action: Council thanked Murray and Steppe for the overview.

3. Relocation of Cunningham Hall (David Allen, Amy Piedalue, Denis Martynowych, Steve Tatge)

Martynowych presented an update on the relocation of Cunningham Hall for comments from the Council. Of the four proposed sites, the Winkenwerder location has been ruled out. Third choice is the Island Grove site, next to Rainier Vista/Stevens Way and the Medicinal Herb Garden. The Denny Yard site is more suitable for a bigger building, as Cunningham Hall may be dwarfed by surrounding buildings in this location. The first choice is the Parrington lawn site, which provides a nice outdoor setting, proximity to 15th Ave. NE and public transport for building users. Relocating Cunningham to this location may help preserve the Denny yard site for other developments. Both the Island Grove and Parrington sites will require a minor plan amendment to the current Campus Master Plan. Funding for this relocation is included in the Molecular Engineering project budget. The preferred site is to be reviewed with Provost Wise for approval to proceed with the minor amendment process by the end of summer.

Action: Council affirmed the priority order recommendations of the Cunningham Hall Site Selection Committee and recommended a presentation be made to the Evans School of Public Affairs for their comments.

4. An Early Look at UW's Biennial Capital Request (Colleen Pike)

Pike distributed copies of the 2009-11 State Capital Budget Request for review. Most projects in the capital budget proposal are already in the pipeline, including \$57.5 million for the Molecular Engineering Building Phase 1 construction, \$52.9 million for the Denny Hall Construction, \$42.8 million for the Balmer Hall construction, \$23.1 million for the Lewis Hall Construction, \$54 million for the UW Tacoma phase III construction, predesign/design funding for Miller and Anderson Halls, and predesign for UW Tacoma phase IV, subtotaling \$237 million, of which \$ 125 million is for Restore the Core projects. Other projects proposed include \$1.5 million for the House of Knowledge Longhouse predesign/design, \$8 million for the Biological and Environmental -Sciences Building predesign/design, \$8 million for the Public Health/Global Health/Pharmacy Building, \$8.5 million for the Guthrie Hall Renovation, .8 million for the safe campus mass notification system, \$5 million for UW Tacoma land acquisition/remediation and \$5 million for technology data network upgrades, subtotaling \$44 million. The 23 projects listed totaled to \$281.4 million. Item #23 on the list, UW Seattle Interdisciplinary Academic Building refers to a place holder in the six year plan for the next new building to be determined before predesign/design funding is requested. The House of Knowledge is primarily focused on student recruitment and retention. Pike commented on the need to set targets for capital funding on an ongoing bases, and noted that Denny Hall and Lewis Hall will be out of service at the same time, followed by Balmer Hall. Funding was not requested for the Bothell Campus due to enrollment issues and consideration by the legislature of new sites for another campus.

Action: Council thanked Pike for a sharing the 2009-11 Capital Budget Proposal.

5. Resolutions and Recommendations

Balick commented on how much he had enjoyed his two-year term of service as Chair of the Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services, and his admiration for his fellow Council members. He took a moment to honor Marilyn Cox for her contribution to the Council, followed by an impassioned plea regarding environmental stewardship on campus, and said that he will continue to be active as a member of ESAC to encourage ongoing original thinking and student involvement, and look forward to facilitating FCUFS' role in this important endeavor. Issues on academic and classroom space will remain a high priority to FCUFS, and will be one of the item on the fall agenda.

A summary on the Impacts to Southeast Campus from Construction Projects Risk Assessment was handed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Bichindaritz, Little, Moore, Ozubko, Rorabaugh, Treser
President's designee: John Chapman (for Charles Kennedy)
Other ex officio members: Campbell, Pike, Zuchowski

Absent: Faculty member: Berry, Chizeck, Gates
Other ex officio members: Vannatta, Walker

Guest: David Allen, Chair, Women Studies and Professor, Psychosocial & Community Health; Mark Murray, Manager, Facility Safety Office, Environmental Health and Safety; Amy Piedalue, Administrator, Women's Center; Stephanie Steppe, Director, HS Academic Services & Facilities; Steve Tatge, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Dennis