

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
Thursday, 24 May 2007
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. Facilities at UW: A Long-term Look at Goals and Challenges (Weldon Ihrig)
3. Site Alternatives for the Microengineering Building (Dan Schwartz)
4. UW Tower Planning Update and Capital Projects Update (Marilyn Cox)
5. Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

The May 24, 2007 meeting agenda was approved.

The March 29, 2007 minutes were approved.

2. Facilities at UW: A Long-term Look at Goals and Challenges (Weldon Ihrig)

Balick welcomed Ihrig by noting the tremendous changes at the University over the past decade, with President McCormick's departure and President Emmert's arrival, and remarked that Ihrig has been instrumental in keeping the campus on an even keel. Balick asked Ihrig to share his perspective, including any big initiatives under development. Ihrig began by saying that he practices an open style of communications, with providing helpful guidance to faculty, staff and students be successful as the first and foremost objective. He was impressed with the UW's recycling, UPASS and related sustainability programs upon joining the University in 1996, and is supportive of sustainable efforts on campus, including the 100% green power (electric), LEEDS buildings certifications, etc. He would like everyone to join together and challenge humanity's effect on the environment, regardless of global warming. The University community's focus should be on becoming carbon neutral, to rethink use of transportation, including air travel. With current technology, meetings could be accomplished via video conferencing instead of meeting face to face. UW need to push colleagues at other Universities to make optimal use of virtual meeting facilities. The University community is also not fully engaged in lowering its energy and water consumption. The challenge in the next decade is to devote available capital budgets in building to the LEED silver, gold, platinum levels and not fund LEED certification process. Funds should be spent in immersing key staff with the sustainability vision and practices in Europe. They in turn will work with our faculty to stretch the envelope and develop new sustainability strategy. An opportunity currently exists in how Facilities Services and the Dental School bring the obsolete Stores concept up to date by exploring strategic distribution methods to efficiently move goods and people, and lessen emissions and congestion. An electronic trade supplies requisition system could dispatch supplies to job sites, enabling trade folks to show up on site with only their tools, drastically reducing the service vehicle fleet and converting the majority to electric power. Building locks could be consolidated to enable restriction of major deliveries to after hours. Tram/trolley on Stevens Way could connect to city buses off campus, which in turn will tie in to ST. Consolidate parking in the Campus Master Plan. With ST connection to the eastside, Ihrig views the current SR-520 expansion plan as a step backwards. University should focus on reducing the number of personal vehicles traveling to campus and keep within the 12,750 limit. The University if ground poor and older ceiling heights limit what changes could be made in

renovating older buildings. The area from Montlake and NE Pacific to Ocean, Fishery Sciences should be looked at as a clean slate for pre-design. UW Seattle is a beautiful campus, though grounds need improvements. Rainer Vista, Red Square, and Triangle garage all need reassessment. This provides an opportunity for fundraising once we have a plan in place. FDI needs updating, including challenging architects to incorporate outside USA building concepts. Faculty/staff housing could be developed with UW/private partnerships. City needs to enforce housing codes to drive out slum landlords in the University district. Ihrig do not see model in the Seattle market that would work for UW, though Rainier site may be developed for housing and retail, at the same time protect the laundry facility by relocating to an environmentally sound facility in the Rainier valley. Council discussed how the Master Plan relates to UW Tower and others are out dated. East Lake trolley could connect to UW, which would open up the core of East Lake. Lot E1 is where stadium should be, with housing on the waterfront. Ihrig responded that methane gas in that part of campus is an environmental challenge, with tapping not an option as quality is not usable. The University community has a big challenge ahead in environmental stewardship.

Action Taken: Balick thanked Cox for clarifying the faculty housing issue and the Council strongly encouraged the University to pursue faculty housing developments.

3. Site Alternatives for the Microengineering Building (Dan Schwartz)

The Provost charged Schwartz with exploring three potential sites for the proposed interdisciplinary building, which includes the Johnson Annex, Chemistry Library and Guthrie Annex. These sites will be tested for vibration and electromagnetic interference, with consideration given to how ST light rail might influence the site selection. Johnson Annex is the better technologic site, with less remediation cost. Since prime instrumental research space will be located at the ground and basement levels, the Committee inquired whether an opportunity exists to add classroom space on the upper floors. Cox responded that campus existing classroom space is at 3%, which meet space requirements. Lack of classroom space is not at issue, though scheduling practices could be reviewed for possible improvements. Little again expressed concerns with use of central campus for the interdisciplinary building, when Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and graduate programs are so scattered. Cox suggested scheduling a meeting with the Learning Environment Committee to explore capacity concerns and opportunities. Project timeline is to identify preferred site by the end of June

Action Taken: Council passed a vote in support of the site selection but also agreed to prepare a comment to express concerns regarding Psychology displacement.

4. UW Tower Planning Update and Capital Projects Update (Marilyn Cox)

Cox reported that the UW Tower space assignments are progressing on schedule and recommendations will be presented at the June Board of Regents meeting. John Seidelmann is involved in the second phase of planning – tertiary and quantitative campus release space assignments that may benefit academic programs. Once UW learned that the state funding level for operations and maintenance would be \$3.9 million for 2007-09 rather than the \$10.8 million requested, the need to add rent paying or self-sustaining uses was apparent. The Educational Outreach Program, a self-sustaining program, was added to the occupancy list. Other programs who made the list are School of Public Health and Community Medicine, School of Social Work, College of Architecture and Urban Planning Sustainable Design Institute, Office of Research, UW Conference Center Facility (shared use of 250 seat auditorium and adjacent breakout areas and food services), College of Engineering, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, and storage space for Burke Museum

and Henry Art Gallery. In addition, UW Visitor Center, Attorney General's Office, Real Estate Office, Office of Planning and Budgeting, Development, Alumni Relations and Marketing, Emergency Operations Center and a Computing and Communications Data Center will also be located at UW Tower. Up to four phases of space allocation will be done in the second half of 2007 in tune with leases, campus and grant components. Reusing all donated furniture and equipment in UW Tower achieves \$10 million in avoided cost. The Tsutakawa Fountain, the first artwork acquired by Safeco, will be on loan to the University and maintained by Safeco. Security program will remain. All new building occupants will receive a building orientation on safety and emergency response procedures as well as office culture associated with open office environments and high-rise facilities.

Cox handed out an excerpt from the UW 2007-09 Six-Year Plan and Funding Sources for approval at the June 7 Board of Regents meeting. This is the highest appropriation since 1997, with hopes to further success in the capital arena with the 2009-2011 legislative sessions. \$97 million for Restore the Core for FY08 was fully funded, and amounts needed for the following six years are listed. Phase III Restore the Core includes planning and design for Denny, Lewis, and Balmer Halls, and construction for Savery Hall, Clark Hall, Playhouse Theater, and MHSC H-Wing. UW is the only higher education institute to achieve planning and design in two years instead of the regular 4 years, on time and on budget, thus earning a higher level of trust. The Molecular project is on an accelerated schedule, with design submission in December. Other 2007-09 State funded projects include the Computing and Communications Data Center, Student Services and classroom improvements, UW Tacoma Assembly Hall, etc. The UW Bothell project is slowed down by the Legislature.

Action Taken: Council thanked Cox for the update.

6. Resolutions and Recommendations

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Chizeck, Gates. Little, Schaufelberger
President's designee: Kennedy
Other ex officio members: Chamberlin, Pike, Schoen
Absent: Faculty member: Berry, Moore, Treser
Guests: Marilyn Cox, Assistant Vice Provost for Capital Planning, Planning and Budgeting; Weldon Ihrig, EVP, Office of the Executive Vice President; Dan Schwartz, Professor, Chemical Engineering.