

University of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
May 15, 2014, 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
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**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of the Agenda
  3. Announcements
  4. Review of the Minutes from April 17th and April 25th
  5. One Capital Plan Update
  6. Child Care Task Force Update
  7. Minor Project 10-Year Plan
  8. Adjourn
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**1) Call to Order**

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

**2) Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda for the May 15, 2014 meeting was approved.

**3) Announcements**

Christie reported that Phase 2 of the Molecular building was approved by the Board of Regents for \$42 million. The major purpose is to move labs from the College of Engineering that are affected by Sound Transit's tunnel drilling. Members discussed the location of new construction as part of the Phase 2 project. A comment was raised that several classrooms will be included as part of the construction. A comment was raised stating there is a shortfall of mini-Kane Halls and wondered if a large classroom would be included. Discussion ensued. A comment was raised stating there is no room for such a classroom in the Molecular building.

Christie reported that the new CSE building is on hold due issues related to the reactor building and FCUFS will likely receive an update in Fall Quarter.

Christie reported the council will still meet for the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the West Campus Development framework. The meeting will be a planning exercise for UW's expansion and planners are requesting FCUFS' input on alternatives. Christie stressed this is an opportunity for the council to present its priorities before major decisions are made and finalized. Christie will not be available at the beginning of the meeting and Balick volunteered to serve as acting-Chair in his absence.

**4) Approval of the Minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>**

The minutes from April 17th and April 25th were approved as written.

## 5) One Capital Plan Update

John Seidelmann (Director of Capital and Space Planning) was in attendance to provide a brief update on the One Capital Plan. Seidelmann reported that a new project for the Medical Center has been added which is in a post-capital plan stage but has not been approved by the Board of Regents. Seidelmann added that the plan will be a Tier-2 project until funds are identified. The project will likely include a large building as part of the UW medical system which will be located off campus.

## 6) Child Care Task Force Update

Mescher provided an update on the Subcommittee on Childcare. Before the presentation Balick mentioned this discussion has been happening for a long time and is the single most important issue that young faculty are requesting when looking for a job. Seidelmann added that an on-site childcare facility has been moved to a Tier-2 project as a result of recent conversations across campus.

The Subcommittee on Childcare has met several times and has reviewed potential sites for a new facility, including a potential building located in the Fremont neighborhood. While the building is no longer serviceable the subcommittee did speak with a private day care in the area who was interested in subcontracting with UW. Additionally, there were hopes the land would be donated for \$1 and the subcommittee did identify a donor who could fund the center. However, pieces did not fit together and the potential site did not work out. The center could have accommodated 200-300 childcare slots but Mescher noted this would have still put UW at the bottom end compared to its peers.

The subcommittee now believes it is prudent to take smaller steps to build a community of voices on campus that can articulate the steps required to improve childcare for UW employees. The 3-5 year plan has not been finalized but includes:

- Breast pumping facilities
- Childcare/preschool referral
- Non-school age children nanny-sharing
- School age children nanny-referral/sharing

### *Breast pumping facilities*

Mescher reported the goal is to have facilities close enough so that mothers have a maximum 5-minute walk to the nearest facility. Additionally, the subcommittee wants to create a centralized online calendaring system and develop a single key-code/key system for users.

### *Childcare/preschool referral*

The subcommittee would like to see the development of a strong network and referral relationship with childcare providers near UW. It is common knowledge that day care facilities are over-subscribed with waiting lists, but there are some facilities that still have openings. A comment was raised stressing the importance of childcare facilities located on employees' routes to and from UW. Services could also be expanded to create a website that identifies childcare on commute lanes what includes map icons and pictures of participating providers. Additionally, UW could ask providers to give 7-day priority in return for free advertising.

### *Nanny-sharing*

The current nanny referral website is useless and was last updated January 27<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee suggests replacing the website with a useful system, such as a corporate account with care.com or similar.

The subcommittee is proposing there be web resources to go along with the continuing subcommittee, whether it operates on an ad hoc basis or not. There has been concern that once the current chair leaves FCUFS the subcommittee may cease to continue. Christie suggested there be joint sponsorship with other university faculty councils, such as the Faculty Councils on Multicultural Affairs and Women in Academia (FCMA and FCWA). Discussion ensued. The basic idea is to build a childcare community so UW can make progress over the long term. Mescher reported that Lone Fine has had conversations with the Provost regarding 10-year goals.

Christie asked Mescher if the subcommittee has discussed their activities with Senate leadership. Mescher explained that they briefly spoke with the leadership. Jack Lee (Chair of the Faculty Senate) was at the recent FCMA/FCWA joint meeting but he did not see the subcommittee's presentation. Mescher hopes there will be some commitment and Balick emphasized childcare is a broad issue that transcends the Faculty Senate. Members discussed the importance of building a consensus among a broad stakeholder community. Discussion moved to working closely with a representative from Human Resources in order to bring more attention to the issue. A suggestion was made to have a presidential designee for the subcommittee, such as Mindy Kornberg (Human Resources), Connie Kravitz (Advancement), or Cheryl Cameron (Academic Human Resources).

### **7) Minor Project 10-Year Plan**

John Seidelmann (Office of Planning and Budgeting) and Jim Anglosante (Director for Finance and Business Services, Facilities Services) was in attendance to present UW's deferred maintenance update.

The minor capital allocation process works on a biennial system and is currently in the middle of the 2013-15 biennium. Facilities Services has been working with various departments across campus to develop a 10-year plan including UW-IT, Classroom Technology and Events, and UW Advancement. Additionally, Facilities Services has reached out to schools and colleges to determine their plans for the next biennium. Facilities and Services is proceeding with planning activities and working with programs and units to determine program funds and allocations, such as enhancing current space. Anglosante explained deferred maintenance is funded by a pool of local funds and not through the state request process. By the end of the calendar year the Office of Planning and Budgeting (OPB) will pull together projects into a consolidated list to see the overall connection of requests. Once OPB determines what to allocate it will go through the prioritized list and the Provost will allocate funds. Anglosante clarified the majority of funds are allocated through Facilities Services.

Anglosante presented facts and trends detailing UW's deferred maintenance process. UW-Seattle is composed of 680 acres in which two-thirds requires some sort of maintenance and construction. There are approximately 22 miles of public roads, drives, streets and pathways with an additional 8 miles of underground utility tunnels used to distribute power, steam, chilled water, communications and other utilities to campus. Facilities Services maintains 213 buildings with 49% over 50 years old (76% over 25 years old). Anglosante stressed this is the reason why maintenance and upkeep is so important for UW-Seattle. Minor Capital 10-year average biennial funding is \$29.6 million and a substantial backlog has

developed with includes building maintenance/repair and facilities improvement. Anglosante clarified that “building maintenance and repair” are projects necessary to safely maintain facilities and related infrastructure for current use, while “facilities improvement” are projects that are primarily driven which intentionally modify systems and improve facility performance beyond the original design intent (or capacity) specifically to meet program needs.

One critical issue is that as campus continues to grow staffing continues to reduce. This has encouraged Facilities Services to utilize lean techniques to ensure continuous performance, such as visual management. Additionally, Facilities Services has leaned more towards preventative maintenance in order to reduce the rate of corrective maintenance to its workload. When compared to peer institutions UW appears to be similar in terms of maintenance and upkeep. However, when calculating total deferred maintenance UW begins to fall behind its peers.

Anglosante explained that buildings are categorized as:

- Superior
- Adequate
- Fair
- Limited Functionality
- Marginally Functional

Additionally, buildings are categorized as “academic” or “research” when assessing the conditions of facilities. Currently, Facilities Services is focusing on buildings that are classified as “marginally functional” and “limited functionality” to address critical problems before moving to those classified as being in “fair” condition. A question was raised asking if academic priorities play a role in deciding whether a building should be renovated. Anglosante explained that any time space is being reviewed UW attempts to combine the needs of the building and the programs that reside in the facility.

Discussion ensued about the assessment process. UW staff reviews a building then conducts a functional assessment to determine the needs to be prioritized. There is a disconnect between deferred maintenance and the amount of resources provided by the state and is one item that was presented to the Board of Regents. Anglosante reported that he discussed with the Board of Regents the importance of a strategic plan for long term maintenance goals in order to continuing attracting the brightest and best.

A question was raised asking the extent to which student tuition money pays for basic maintenance. Deferred maintenance comes from state appropriations and is part of the Building Account which 75% is supported by student tuition fees. The remaining revenue comes from the state, such as timber sales. A comment was raised expressing concern about the size of UW’s research enterprise and the corresponding lack in supporting building maintenance. Discussion ensued regarding the law school reimbursement as listed in the 2013-15 Minor Capital Funds Allocation document provided by Seidelmann.

Discussion moved to new construction and whether new buildings are tied to UW’s power plant. Connection to UW’s power plant depends on the location of the new structure. A comment was raised that the renovated Husky Union Building is still tied to the UW system.

Members discussed the list of projects in the 2013-15 Minor Capital Funds Allocation document. A comment was raised mentioning the high costs of renovating and preserving historical buildings. Years ago UW gave Seattle the ability to oversee the historical preservation of buildings on campus and now must apply for city permits if there will be new construction on buildings classified as “historical”. Discussion ensued about historical buildings and the need to preserve structures on campus and across the city.

## **8) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Christie at 11:30 a.m.

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*Minutes by Grayson Court, Faculty Council Support Analyst, gcourt@uw.edu*

**Present:**           **Faculty:** Christie (Chair), Balick, Gates, Mescher, Ozubko  
**Ex-Officio Reps:** Zuchowski, Byrne, Goldblatt  
**President’s Designee:** Kennedy  
**Guests:** John Seidelmann (Office of Planning and Budgeting), Jim Anglosante (Director for Finance and Business Services, Facilities Services)

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Proksch  
**Ex-Officio Reps:** n/a