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Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
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Meeting Synopsis

1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of Minutes
 3. Capital Budget, Capital Plan, Infrastructure: Colleen Pike, Director, Capital Resource Planning
 - a. Capital Budget
 - b. West Campus Plan
 - c. Thursday Night Football
 - d. Japanese Teahouse
 4. Adjournment
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Call to Order

Chair Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting.

The minutes were approved.

2. Capital Budget, Capital Plan, Infrastructure: Colleen Pike, Director, Capital Resource Planning.

Capital Budget

Colleen Pike began her presentation with an overview of the FY 2011 Proposed Budget and UW Funding Trends. State support for the capital budget was reduced in this past session by \$24.1 million in fiscal year 2011. She listed projects impacted by the reductions and also projects authorized for debt-funding. UW projects funding from the capital budget of \$79.8 million were the Balmer Hall reconstruction, UW Tacoma Phase 3, UW Tacoma land acquisition, minor repair projects and facilities maintenance. Next steps in the 2011-13 budgeting process include providing a draft operating and capital budget to the Regents for review in time for their June meeting; approval of a final budget at the July Regents meeting; and submission of the approved budget to the state in September.

West Campus Plan

Given the state economy capital planning relies increasingly on significant debt financing to support critical UW projects. Plans have emerged from dozens of UW departments and administrative units and there is a critical need for a unified plan.

Pike's office has proposed one capital plan for the future of the UW – one that will sustain the University's competitive position as a premier research university; one that will focus the

University's collective strength to better build a future together; one that will enhance the University's financial viability, by achieving more with less; and one that supports the University's mission by creating great and inspired places which sustain the University community on a daily basis. The proposed plan includes three "waves." The first wave would include ongoing investments in projects over the course of the next ten years and would be funded by state and local sources, as well as debt. The second wave would include high priority investment projects over the course of the next ten years and would be funded by state and local sources, as well as by donors and debt. The third wave would include lower priority investment projects over the course of the next ten years and beyond, and would be funded by state and local sources, as well as by donors and debt. She then reviewed how the various constituencies would coordinate in working within the context of the plan. Under the leadership of the Office of Planning and Budgeting, the objectives of this planning process are to balance creativity at the outset of a project with extreme economy in the execution of each project. It relies heavily on the input from committees functioning in an advisory role at the early stages of a project. And it allows for more concurrency and urgency; more fluid planning and design.

Infrastructure

Pike distributed copies of a March 23, 2010, letter from the Provost to the UW Seattle Infrastructure Master Plan Update Ad Hoc Working Group, with instructions to "frame and initiate ongoing discussions and planning efforts to continually improve the integration of infrastructure into the UW's operating and capital budget planning process."

3. Thursday Night Football Plan in November 2010: Stephanie Rempe, Senior Associate Athletic Director.

Stephanie Rempe reported that as a result of negotiations with TV networks, and with ESPN in particular, the ICA had agreed to schedule UW home football game at Husky Stadium on Thursday evening, November 18 at 5 p.m. She then reviewed for FCUFS the intricacies of the planning process required to coordinate this event with City, County and UW officials and agencies. Health Sciences clinics, traffic, parking, classes, and anything else happening on campus that day will be hugely impacted from noon on. She seemed optimistic, however, that the level of cooperation and commitment to helping make this work well will carry this event through without too much chaos. She volunteered to come back early in the fall to give the Council a status report on planning for this one-time event.

4. Japanese Teahouse, Arboretum, UW/City Management Issue: Sandra Lier, Executive Director, UW Botanic Gardens.

Sandra Lier distributed a handout explaining the mission, vision and the various parts of the UW Botanic Gardens. In particular, the Japanese Garden had been a part of the UW Botanic Gardens until the mid-1970s. At that time, during a budget emergency, the City of Seattle offered to purchase the Japanese Garden. They fenced the area and began charging a fee to support care for the Garden. Due to a recent parks levy the Garden has been able to install a new gatehouse with restroom facilities and have greatly improved the appearance at the entry of the Garden. But now the City is in the midst of planning how to deal with its own budget shortfall, and parks are often the first on the list of services that might be eliminated. As such, the Japanese Garden may

be on the list for possible closure. In addition, about half the maintenance staff of the Botanic Gardens are city employees and they too may be cut.

As Executive Director she is actively looking for ideas on how to reduce spending and actively exploring new opportunities for income and revenue in support the Garden's facilities and programs. She had been unaware of the April 8, 2010 letter from Urasenke regarding the termination of the 1982 Shoseian teahouse in the Washington Park Arboretum Japanese Garden Use Agreement between the City of Seattle, the UW Board of Regents and the Urasenke Foundation of Kyoto. [Alex: see copy of this letter among the handouts. A copy was given to Lier, but it was not distributed to the entire Council.] She will review the letter and get back to the Council via e-mail with her understanding of its implications for the Japanese Garden and Teahouse.

5. New Business: There was none.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.