

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services

Tuesday May 12, 2009

304D HUB

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of the minutes of 13 April 2009 meeting
2. Capital Budget (30 min.)
 - Denis Martynowych, Capital & Space Planning
3. UW Environmental Stewardship Plan (30 min.)
 - Ruth Johnston, Associate Vice President for Strategy Management
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

2. Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the April 13, 2009 FCUFS meeting were approved as amended.

3. Capital Budget by Denis Martynowych, Capital and Space Planning (30 min)

Denis Martynowych began the discussion by summarizing the UW budget situation. He stated that the University requested approximately \$281 million in state funding for capital projects but was only granted \$65.5 million. Due to the lack of funding from the state many projects will be put on hold or delayed in hopes to be restarted in the near future when the economy improves. He identified Anderson Hall, the House of Knowledge, the Molecular Engineering Building and a few buildings in Tacoma and Bothell as those projects which the UW was granted the authority with which to move forward.

Charles Kennedy spoke to the topic of the anticipated HUB renovation. He stated that the students have approved the project and the fees associated with it and that his office is now waiting for the Regents' approval. He noted that this looks to be a four-year project allowing two years for design and an additional two years for construction.

Martynowych noted that the Denny Hall project would be frozen at the end of the design development phase and his office will request the budget for it again in the '11-'13 biennium. Lewis Hall and Ballmer Hall projects will be on hold as well.

Kennedy addressed the Safe Campus project. He stated that this project is budgeted for eight million dollars and would be an upgrade to the fire system which would also provide annunciation systems in every building. The upgrade will bring the current fire systems to code and there is also a fiber optics piece that will come with this project. He also noted that the budget for building preventative maintenance would remain at its previous level and it is the only line item on the new budget that remained the same.

There was a discussion among members regarding the presence of temporary trailers on campus. Members felt action should be taken to find the residents of these trailers new spaces so that the campus could remove the trailers as they are unsightly and cumbersome.

4. UW Environmental Stewardship Plan - Ruth Johnston, Associate Vice President for Strategy Management (30 min.)

Ruth Johnston informed the Council that her office is working with the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) in an effort to produce a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the UW. She noted there are approximately 100 people comprised of faculty, staff and students working to meet a September 15th deadline. The main focus of the group was to identify a date in which to become carbon neutral. Given the current economic status of the state and the fact that some of the new technology is not readily available, her group has opted to go with the State's recommendation of being 15% below the 2005 limits in 2020.

She would like to see new buildings not to be connected to the central power plant so that they can be heated by other sources which are more environmentally friendly. This notion has been accepted well by the University community. Additionally, she pointed out that her group is looking at adopting high performance building requirements. UW Tech is interested in looking at green technology for servers. Johnston feels there is a need to educate campus community about how individuals can help. She would like people to start thinking about air/ground transportation alternatives and consider video conferencing as an option to traveling to meetings and conferences. Another idea being explored is a safe mini-nuclear power option which is a carbon neutral technology. Johnston stated that it is a viable option that should be studied and compared to other options such as solar, wind, and hydro.

John Schaufelberger added that metering buildings is being considered and is in-line with Paul Jenny's idea of activity-based budgeting. There was a discussion on the subject of activity-based budgeting and the future of the UW.

Martynowych brought up some different funding strategies and mentioned establishing a student green fee. He also discussed the Purple, Gold and Green fund to generate funds through donations. There was some discussion among the Council on the topic. Martynowych pointed out that donations would be entirely voluntary and feels the students are supportive of this effort so far. Other funding options are also included in the plan. Johnston informed the Council that students want to be involved. She closed the discussion by asking FCUFS for its response to the CAP by early June. As the FCUFS was not scheduled to meet again until the fall, Johnston stated that members could send their individual responses to her via email. She offered to have the Executive Summary delivered to the Council for their review via email in the next few days.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes by Kelly Baker, Council Support Specialist, kcbaker@u.washington.edu

Present: Faculty members: Rorabaugh, Chair; Moore, Ozubko, Taylor, Treser
President's Designee: Kennedy
Ex officio members: Walker

Guests: Martynowych, Johnston, Schaufelberger

Absent: Faculty members: Bichindaritz, Chizeck, Gates, Little
Provost's representative: Pike
Ex officio members: Albrecht, Padvorac, Vannatta, Zuchowski