

University Of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., May 10, 2012
26 Gerberding Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2012 Meeting
 3. UW Police Department Building
 4. Capital Budget Update
 5. Biodiesel Project
 6. New Business
 7. Adjournment
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Bill Rorabaugh.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2012 Meeting

The minutes from the April 12th meeting were approved without edits.

3. UW Police Department Building

Lyndsey Cameron, Principal Architectural Associate for campus planning discussed the new UW Police Department building. After FCUFS had discussed potential concerns the proximity of the original preferred site for the new UW Police Department Building to the Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) and discussing the location with the ECC students, and sensitivity around this location led to not pursuing this site. A secondary site was reconsidered with similar attributes to initial site: accessibility to streets, near campus, new student housing, the hospital, Montlake, and the Burke Gilman Trail. There are two non-University houses on this site, and south side of the site is restricted by land owned by the Church of the Latter Day Saints. A site plan was presented, with motor court for seized vehicles, command center, parking lots and a new pedestrian path to be built between Gould Hall and the Police station. Administration has now declared this as the preferred site. Construction will begin in October 2013, with the police moving in March 2015 and the current police building will become a park. UW will gain \$25 million from this relocation.

Concerns were expressed of the possible closure of a current walk route, and University Architect Rebecca Barnes assured the Council that she would preserve the route. Discussion on expanding pedestrian walkways followed, and Barnes mentioned the Campus Landscape Framework planned for next year.

4. Biodiesel Project

Students Matias Gonzalez, Stefan Hristov and Grant Williamson introduced themselves as part of the UW Biodiesel cooperative of undergraduate students. The cooperative's goal is to prepare students for jobs in alternative energy through hands-on experiences. A brief overview of the

cooperative's structure was given: it was founded in 2010, reaching 30 members currently, mostly chemical and bioengineers. The ASUW and the Provost's office support this program.

The cooperative emphasized priority of safety in its operations, describing training, operations and how they safety infractions dealt are dealt with. The death of a student at a similar project at the University of California was attributed to loose safety guidelines, and thus students focused on developing safety strategies. A certification process is required for all members, safety managers are restricted from conducting lab work, a HAZOP analysis was conducted to mitigate risks and safety officers provide oversight to UW Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S). The cooperative's faculty supervisor was impressed with the depth and seriousness with safety of the program changed his mind. Paul Zuchowski, Associate Director of Student Activities and Union Facilities, commended the safety efforts taken by the group.

The first step will be securing the lab space, and which requires ventilation and accommodation for a fume hood, decreasing potential sites. A "closed-system" alternative could increase potential sites, but would be more expensive than the current "appleseed" processor, and require re-consulting by EH&S. The Engineering building was considered an ideal location; space in Condon Hall is also available.

Plans are to recycle Housing and Food Service's used oil to produce biodiesel which could then be used by UW Transportation's fleet. Earnings from selling the biodiesel would then be applied to further research. Annual production of biodiesel is projected near 2,250 gallons, requiring a price of \$3.50 per gallon to break even. As this would only fuel 3 cars, this is primarily an educational experience rather than a functional business operation. A timeline was provided, projecting production of high-quality biodiesel by Winter 2013, noting that similar projects at other institutions are already producing bio-diesel.

The Council lauded the students on their efforts, and asked what it could do to help. Questions were raised if the University had spare fume hoods that could be used, as departments are shifting towards using more advanced technology, however the cost of the fume hood was not as big of an issue as finding space to accommodate the lab. Council members wished the students good luck.

5. Capital Budget Update

Kirk Pawlowski, Assistant Vice Provost for Capital Resource Planning, handed out a projected fiscal year budget for 2013 that was presented to the Board of Regents in May and described the budget approval process. The UW Building Fund was described, with funds increasing due to the rise in tuition by \$3.5 - \$4 million. Currently appropriated by Washington State Legislature, the University is lobbying to manage this fund, and increase its borrowing capacity. Pawlowski expressed concern as the Building Fund is being used for operations rather than capital funding. Some of these funds will be dedicated towards repurposing of classrooms during the next biennium. Pawlowski gave a list of Capital Investments:

Infrastructure projects to occur:

- Master Plan: The 10 year Master Plan will be updated during the next academic year.
- Emergent Planning Studies
- Landscape Framework planning: Planning to best utilize space between buildings

- Resilient UW plan (a disaster mitigation plan): Need for protection against emergency events. A recent blackout on campus raised concerns on response to emergencies in data and animal storage and otherwise.
- UW Tacoma Groundwater and Soil Renovation: Ground water contamination is occurring at UW Tacoma, and Washington State legislature identified \$5 million to work on these remediation efforts; UW is liable for this contamination.

Instruction:

- Burke Museum: \$3.5 million approved for Burke Museum renovation design.
- Anderson Hall: Funds were removed to restore Anderson Hall by the legislature.
- UW Bothell Phase 3

Research:

- Core Research Facilities: Centralization of animal care facilities, increase capacity and improve conditions within these spaces. This has a high priority.
- Fluke Hall: Repurposing and renovation of Fluke Hall

Student Life:

- House of Knowledge Long House: Design will begin soon, however this project has been scaled down due to the economy.

Concern was expressed on plans for parking space behind the music building for elderly and alumni. An update on this project was requested, which changed since being presented to the Council.

6. New Business

No new business was discussed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. by Chair Rorabaugh.

Minutes by Jay Freistadt, Faculty Council Support Analyst. jayf@u.washington.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Treser, Ozubko, Gates
Ex-Officio Reps: Zuchowski, Byrne
Guests: Matias Gonzalez, Stefan Hristov, Grant Williamson, Rebecca Barnes, Lyndsey Cameron, Ken Kubota, Josh Kavanagh

Absent: **Faculty:** Proksch, Balick
President's Designee: Kennedy
Ex Officio Rep: Kamkar, Coslett, Goldblatt