

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

The Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services met on Thursday, **April 22, 2004**, at 10:30 a.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall. Chair John Schaufelberger presided.

PRESENT: **Professors** Schaufelberger (Chair), Balick, Devasia, Korshin, Pace, Rorabaugh, Souders and Treser;
 Ex officio members Chamberlin, Chapman, Fales, McCray, Pike and Stygall.
 Guests Jan Arntz, Environmental Planner, Capital Projects Office; Debra Born, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Lara Branigan, Project Manager, Capital Projects; Ivan Turner, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Olivia Yang, Director, Special Projects Group, Capital Projects Office; .

ABSENT: **Professors** Andersen, Heerwagen and Souter;
 Ex officio members Geppert and Waddell.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of February 20, 2004 were approved as written.

EIS draft statement re: coordination on campus of public outreach: April 20th FCUFS discussion

Schaufelberger said the council will discuss the draft of the EIS statement regarding coordination on campus of public outreach at the final council meeting of the academic year on May 20th.

Johnson Hall renovation: expansion of pedestrian walkway

Schaufelberger said that Bob Dillon, Construction Manager of the Johnson Hall renovation, has informed him that the fence surrounding the renovation site will be moved four feet closer to Johnson Hall, allowing for an expanded pedestrian walkway. He also noted that the fence will be moved even closer to the site's construction trailers on days when special events are scheduled on campus, such as Commencement and football games at Husky Stadium.

Class C Resolution on Proposed Increased in Transportation Fees

Schaufelberger informed the council that a Class C Resolution would be introduced in the Faculty Senate Meeting today. The first paragraph of the Resolution reads: "It is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the proposed three-year staggered increase in all levels of parking fees plus an increase in UPASS charges for use of public transportation represents an unwarranted reduction in salary for nearly all UW faculty and staff at a time when no increases in state-supported salaries have been or are forthcoming." The Resolution concludes: "The Faculty Senate requests that the proposed increases be held to the same percentage as any general salary increases. The Faculty Senate also requests that the University Transportation Committee and Transportation Services be directed to develop a plan to mitigate existing parking costs for faculty and staff with hardship, medical and disability circumstances who must drive to campus."

Schaufelberger said that, as the population grows, "the net effect *has* to be: no more cars, no more parking spaces." Treser said, "We must do all we can to encourage people to take alternate forms of transportation." Chamberlin said, "It would be better to charge \$4 more per month and throw in a UPASS." McCray pointed out that "Metro is expected to raise rates. We negotiate contracts separately with Metro and all other transportation organizations with whom we have contracts." Schaufelberger said the proposed staggered increase "covers night ride also: a service provided by the transportation package implemented in 1991." He added that McCray and Peter Dewey, Assistant Director, Transportation Services, will attend the Faculty Senate Meeting.

Pace stressed that “the faculty has had to take cuts in salary, so we want to know why parking has gone up.” Fales said, “Most emeritus faculty donate their time, and if they are compelled to pay \$8 for parking, many of them won’t come to the University.” McCray said that retired faculty still have to pay for parking if they return to work 40% time. Emeritus faculty who donate their time will continue to receive complementary parking when they stop at the gatehouses. Balick asked about enforcement in the neighborhoods and the cost to the UW for parking enforcement. McCray said it must be kept in mind that “we *do* pay a fee to the City of Seattle for residential parking zones in neighborhoods around the University.” In addition, the UW has agreed to pay a one-time capital cost as part of the Campus Master Plan agreement for a single parking enforcement officer to patrol all RPZ areas.

Stevens Way paving project – Ivan Turner, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office

Turner said, “The Stevens Way paving project is a Phase III project, and will be carried out from June 25 – September 3, 2004. The first phase will be the demolition on Jefferson through the intersection of Ponderay.” He said that on August 9th “roads will be torn up, and sidewalks will be gone. A couple of trees by the Faculty Center will be taken out, and the sidewalk will be realigned. “The sidewalks will be about five feet, which is a compromise between trees and sidewalks,” he noted. Balick demurred: “Five feet is inadequate. You need six feet for two people to be able to pass each other.” Turner said, “Buses will need to be able to pass each other, and for that to happen, the sidewalks must be five feet.”

Turner said, “After the demolition, on August 9th, we will shut down the road during paving until September 3rd. We *won’t* alter the crosswalks at all. The new roads we’re putting in will get special treatment on the crosswalks.” Several council members suggested that a crosswalk would definitely be needed by the Faculty Center, that people regularly cross Stevens Way at that point, and would do so whether there was a crosswalk there or not. Turner said, “We could do that, yes. I’ll point that out.”

McCray said, “We’ll ask them to move a bit of landscaping out, but to keep the five-foot sidewalk. Disabled people need space in which to move.” Turner was asked if there were any “contingency plans.” He responded: “We’re shutting the road down a week early, to help them have plenty of time. It *will* get done.”

Predesign Study of Renovation of Architecture Hall – Debra Born, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office

Born first addressed the scope of the “complete” renovation project. “There will be a seismic upgrade of Architecture Hall, which will drive the cost and scope of the project. The building will be gutted. And we will need to anchor the masonry on the exterior face of the building, which presently is unrestrained.” Born said all mechanical and electrical, plumbing and heating systems will be entirely new in Architecture Hall, once the renovation has been completed. Air conditioning will be added to the auditorium and other spaces as required to maintain comfort. New equipment will be provided and new furnishings will be installed.

Born said Architecture Hall was constructed in 1909 as part of the Alaskan-Yukon Pacific Exposition. It was originally known as the Pavilion of Fine Arts. “It has never been wholly renovated,” she observed. “We will maintain the uses of the building: Construction Management, Classroom Support Services and Architecture will continue as occupants of the building, as will, minimally, Custodial Services.”

Born told the council that Architecture Hall is listed in the State Historic Register. “Our goal is to get Architecture Hall Leed certification; to develop the hall as a resource-efficient sustainable building.” Born pointed out that the Architecture Hall renovation is part of a series of renovation projects. Guggenheim Hall will be renovated at the same time as Architecture Hall. “Architecture Hall faculty, administration and staff will use Condon Hall as a surge space *after* Johnson Hall personnel have vacated. (Johnson Hall is currently undergoing a complete renovation, and its faculty, administration and staff members are currently using Condon Hall as a surge space.)

Born said, “Although the building is losing 1400 assignable square feet as a result of the renovation due to seismic upgrades and the demolition of the substandard “Thesis Pit, the building will increase by

approximately 1,000 gross square feet due to two small additions.” She added that the building “is actually two structures, and we will fill in the transition space between the two structures and will construct a stair and elevator addition in the northwest corner. Consequently, program areas and circulation in the hall will be enhanced and improved. We will remove the front entry steps and add an ADA accessible ramp and replace the steps. We will recycle the bricks from the front steps and terrace, which will be replaced to accommodate a barrier-free route of travel into the front of the building. There will be paving improvements around the building, and a covered bicycle parking facility. And significant landscape restoration will be carried out.”

The total cost of the Architecture Hall renovation project is \$25 million. The pre-design will be completed in May 2004. The renovation bid will be made in Winter 2006. Work on the renovation will start in Spring 2006, and occupancy of the renovated Architecture Hall will take place in Autumn Quarter 2007. The renovation of Johnson Hall will be completed before the work on Architecture Hall commences. The “staging” will be done carefully and prudently, Born asserted.

Born corroborated a surmise of the council’s, that this will be “one of the most difficult renovation projects with respect to location.” Architecture Hall is located on Stevens Way, across from Cunningham Hall and Meany Hall, at one of the busiest sections of Stevens Way on the entire campus. (Vehicles entering the campus at the NE 40th Street and 15th Avenue NEst entrance almost invariably turn right onto Stevens Way and go past Architecture Hall. And virtually all vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction go by the Hall and turn left to leave the campus.)

Chapman said, “Cost for Leed certification varies according to type of facility. For instance, Merrill Hall, which will be renovated at a cost of \$7 million, is being Leed certified at a nominal extra cost. Costs *are* coming down, to get Leed certified.” Regarding total life-cycle costs, Chapman said, “We’ve put in the most efficient energy resources possible, to help defray these costs.”

Balick asked if students were involved in any of the work on Architecture Hall. Schaufelberger said, “We don’t have the mechanism to do this; though faculty are involved. But the project is used as a ‘showcase’ for sustainability and adaptive reuse of an historic structure.” Born added: “Students *have* attended some meetings and are expected to continue to be involved in various ways throughout the process.”

Predesign Study of Renovation of Guggenheim Hall – Lara Branigan, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office

Branigan said the renovation of Guggenheim Hall – located east of Frosh Pond – has an estimated overall budget of \$28 million. Guggenheim Hall was built in 1929 to house the Aeronautics department, and still houses Aeronautics and Astronautics. The building also houses the Department of Applied Math and several general assignment classrooms, including a large auditorium.

Branigan said, “Guggenheim Hall needs a complete seismic upgrade. A new elevator will be installed, and a new accessible entrance will be constructed. The entrance will likely be at the north face of the building and connect to Sieg Plaza, as it is not feasible to make the front entry accessible.”

Branigan said the interior of the building will have to be gutted. “We need to make the interior more ‘rational,’ architecturally. New ventilation and new windows will be installed. Every effort will be made to preserve historical elements in the hall. Guggenheim Yard will be fully restored. We will correct conflicts between pedestrians and those in vehicles and on bicycles.”

Branigan said the schedule for the renovation of Guggenheim Hall “is the same as that of the renovation of Architecture Hall, as the occupants of the two buildings will be sharing Condon Hall as a surge space. Work will start in Spring 2006 and new occupancy will take place in Autumn Quarter 2007.” She noted that “there is very limited space around this site. Trailers and equipment will be constrained.”

A temporary building, the Guggenheim Annex must be moved or demolished to provide the walkway for an accessible entrance to Guggenheim Hall when it is renovated. Pike said, “The provost is looking now at

future use of Guggenheim Annex and a space request and will soon make a decision. A question was asked about the size of faculty offices in buildings being renovated. Pike responded that the square feet in faculty offices varies (as it does in most halls) because no space is being added and the same program needs to fit into the building after the renovation. In new construction, the recommended standard for faculty offices is 140 assignable square feet.

Two major teaching auditoria out of service

Schaufelberger said that, because of the renovation projects discussed today, two major teaching auditoria are going to be out of service. “There may need to be different teaching schedules [than there are now],” he noted. “The renovation projects *will* affect teaching accommodations.” He said efforts are being made to find replacement venues. “But there will have to be schedule flexibility.”

\$4 million from the state legislature for the UW for classroom improvements

Schaufelberger said the state legislature has appropriated \$4 million to the University for classroom improvements (in the 2004 Supplemental Budget). Additional money is being sought for technological improvements. Dean of Undergraduate Education George Bridges has appointed a committee to look into the best use of this appropriation. Schaufelberger and Pike are on the committee. Pike said, “The Office of Undergraduate Education will be seeking faculty input through a Web survey.”

Next meeting

The next FCUFS meeting is set for Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 10:30 a.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor
Recorder