

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
Monday, April 13, 2009
26 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Announcement
2. Approval of the minutes of 24 February 2009 meeting
3. Longhouse project and site discussion (30 min.)
 - Ken Kubota, Capital Projects; Colleen Pike, Capital & Space Planning
4. Campus transportation issue (30 min.)
 - Josh Kavanagh, Transportation Services
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. Announcement

ASUW Representative and Council member Jason Padvorac announced there would be a rally in Red Square opposing the budget cuts to the UW recently proposed by the State Legislature in Olympia. He stated that his office was working in coordination with the UW Administration. He urged all members to attend.

2. Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the February 24, 2009 FCUFS meeting were approved.

3. Longhouse project and site discussion (30 min) by Ken Kubota and Colleen Pike

Colleen Pike, Director of the Capital & Space Planning Office, gave a brief introduction about the Longhouse project. She stated that in its current form, the Governor's budget shows support for pre-design and her office is hoping to get the funding to be able to move forward. The project is currently in the feasibility study phase and several campus site options are being explored.

Ken Kubota of the Capital Projects Office presented some sketches of the Longhouse project. He stated the main location currently being explored is on site 7C of the master plan. This space is located adjacent to Lewis Hall in the N6 parking lot. Kubota informed the Council that this building would be used to support Native American students, faculty and staff with a focus on recruitment and retention. Additionally this facility will support the UW's comparative advantage as a premier research institute in the northwest and contribute to the body of knowledge about indigenous culture and people. It would also strengthen indigenous research projects and foster improved communications with tribal communities.

Kubota described the facility as having approximately 19,000 square feet and stated that it would be constructed primarily of round, heavy timber. The project is budgeted for \$15

million assuming construction to begin in 2012. Kubota stated his office was waiting for budget approval from the Governor before moving forward. The building would offer a large central gathering and meeting space with smaller classroom and office space available. There would be a student welcome lounge as well. Kubota informed the Council that if the budget is approved his office could move forward and start the pre-design phase at the Architectural Commission coming up in September.

Kubota took questions from Council members regarding parking as well as operational issues. Much of the discussion was based on building usage, accessibility and space. Kubota noted that the Provost is asking for comments to review. Many members felt it could be a great space to use for art, drama and history programs as well. It was suggested that the building be built with a basement to gain maximum space from the site. Kubota mentioned that the plan would call for planting native vegetation to keep with the native theme of the facility. The use of the building was of particular interest to the Council. Some members felt any use for religious purposes may disqualify the building from being considered for the UW. Padvorac mentioned the fact that the HUB can be used for religious purposes as long as no particular group is banned. He stated that if any religion is welcomed he did not see use for religious purposes to be an issue.

President's Designee Charles Kennedy informed the Council that this project is only asking for 10% of its funding from the state. Pike confirmed and stated that the rest of the project was being funded through gifts and donations from tribal community and other supporters.

4. Longhouse site and North Campus parking issue (30 min) Josh Kavanagh, Transportation Services

Josh Kavanagh, Director of Transportation Services, opened his presentation by stating that his office is well aware of the parking issues at North Campus and he is anticipating increased problems in the future. His office has been successfully mitigating these parking issues over the last two years through effective management of resources. He noted that the parking patterns observed today will not necessarily be the same for the future.

Kavanagh noted that the site of the Longhouse would be a bad place to lose parking and all issues with regard to accessibility and mobility are being considered. He stated many conversations are happening in and around the proposed site area with regard to parking options. The most popular suggestion has been to convert what is currently being used as the staging area for the Clark Hall renovation into a parking lot. The location is good and it would serve the same surrounding buildings. Kavanagh feels a parking lot here would fit the needs of many.

Kavanagh informed the Council that his office wants to stay light on their feet and prepare for the future. He offered a brief report on parking for residence halls and that some spaces will be re-integrated into the campus parking system and be able to provide some relief. There was a brief discussion among Council members regarding the escalators in the Padelford Parking Garage and they felt alternative power sources such as solar power should be considered there.

5. Campus transportation issue (30 min) Josh Kavanagh, Transportation Services

Kavanagh opened this discussion with a presentation of information regarding the UPass program at the UW. He informed the Council that since its inception there has been a significant reduction in participants' reliance on a personal vehicle to get to/from the UW. There has been a significant increase in transit participation with more people using the transit system as their primary source of transportation to the UW. While the increased ridership is good news, there has been a correlating 79% increase in costs to the University, with parking participation at a flat or declining rate. Because parking fees subsidize transportation services, he noted that this is not a sustainable model. He noted that because of this his office considered eliminating the UPass program altogether. However, based on its popularity, Kavanagh restructured the plan for one year in an effort to maintain it for the future. The cost at the restructured level will be just \$16.30 per month per faculty or staff member and slightly less to the student participant. He also noted that there has been a substantial number of people trading their parking pass for a UPass. In addition to the increased pricing for the UPass, parking fees will also increase.

Kavanagh stated that his restructured plan allows for a 7% attrition rate in parking use. His office will re-evaluate the situation over the summer to see where they can examine other areas which may be affected by the economy. He noted that this is a one year plan through June 30, 2010. He closed by informing FCUFS that light rail will be part of the UPass and pricing conversations with Sound Transit have been favorable. Members Gates and Treser thanked Kavanagh for his openness and for fighting to keep the UPass program alive.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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

Present: Faculty members: Rorabaugh, Chair; Bichindaritz, Chizeck, Gates, Little, Moore, Ozubko, Taylor, Treser
President's Designee: Kennedy
Provost's representative: Pike
Other ex officio members: Albrecht, Padvorac, Vannatta, Walker, Zuchowski
Guests: Kavanagh, Kubota