

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

The Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services met on Wednesday, **January 26, 2001**, at 10:30 p.m. in 36 Gerberding Hall. Chair John Schaufelberger presided.

**PRESENT:**       **Professors** Schaufelberger (Chair), Aylward, Bramhall, Gates, Souders and Zuberbuhler;  
**ex officio members** Chistoserdova, Coulter, Fales, King, Martynowych and Richard Jost;  
**Guests** Tom Ryan, Capital Projects Officer, Law School; Zaki Ovadia, Capital Projects  
Officer, CSE/EE III.

**ABSENT:**       **Professors** Andersen, Battaglia, Gill and Kasprisin;  
**ex officio members** Cox, Ludwig, Sjavik, McCray, Pike and Bolton.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of November 27, 2000 were approved as written .

**FCUFS letter to Theresa Doherty, Master Plan Coordinator, re: proposed new pedestrian bridges**

Schaufelberger distributed a copy of the letter he wrote on behalf of the council to Theresa Doherty, Master Plan Coordinator, in strong support of: 1) the bridge proposed across N.E. Pacific connecting the Physics Plaza with the proposed Life Science complex northeast of Hitchcock Hall; and 2) the bridge proposed across Montlake behind the Engineering Library connecting with the Intramural Activities Building.

Schaufelberger says in his letter, "Both bridges are needed to enhance pedestrian circulation, to separate pedestrian traffic from vehicular traffic, and to promote connectivity between Central Campus and East and South Campus. The University needs to stress the critical need for these additional pedestrian bridges in its negotiations with the city."

**Update on Classroom Renovation Project**

Schaufelberger has learned from Roberta Hopkins, Director, Classroom Support Services, that the renovation work on 22 rooms in Denny Hall is anticipated to be completed in February 2001, and that renovation work on 14 rooms in the Mechanical Engineering Building will commence thereupon.

**New FCUFS chair for 2001-2002 academic year**

Schaufelberger said a new chair for the council will be needed for the 2001-2002 academic year. This is his last year on the council; he has served as chair for the past four academic years. Any council member interested in serving as chair should contact Schaufelberger by E-mail ([jesbcon@u.washington.edu](mailto:jesbcon@u.washington.edu)) or by phone (685-4440).

**FCUFS wishes Fred King, Assistant Vice President, Capital Projects Office, a prosperous retirement**

Schaufelberger, on behalf of the entire council, thanked Fred King, Assistant Vice President, Capital Projects Office, and an FCUFS ex-officio member, for his excellent service to the council, and wished him a prosperous and rewarding retirement. King said he had "not been without a job for one day in the last 39 years," and was not altogether undaunted by the prospect. The council expects him to fully overcome his apprehension, commencing the night of the day of this meeting, as this was to be his final day of work.

**Briefing on the new Law School – Tom Ryan**

The presentation began with a description of the findings of a limited Master Plan study, commissioned by the University, to guide future improvements to the northwest corner of the campus. This study considered the coordination of the following interests: 1) Sound Transit stations at N.E. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E.,

and 45<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and their effect on campus access; 2) potential expansion of the Burke Museum; and 3) community interest to “open” the campus by reducing and/or eliminating the retaining wall along 15<sup>th</sup>; and 4) the new Law School.

The Master Plan study recommends two significant improvements adjoining the Law School; 1) reconstruction of the pedestrian entry onto campus at 43<sup>rd</sup> St., and removal of a portion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. retaining wall southeast of the Law School site.

The new 43<sup>rd</sup> St. pedestrian entry will integrate with the Sound Transit station plaza, and replace the existing roadway alignment with a broad, landscaped, terraced pedestrian walk. Funding for these improvements is not included in the Law School budget and has not been fully identified, though there is agreement with Sound Transit that Sound Transit will participate in the development of this improvement.

The new Law School site design includes partial removal of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. retaining wall, improving pedestrian flow onto campus. Funding for this improvement is included in the Law School budget.

The architect for the Law School is the Seattle firm of Mahlum Architects, in association with Kohn Petersen Fox of New York City. (K.P.F. designed the 1201 Third Avenue Building downtown.)

The architects’ site design concept was to form the building into an “L” shape to define an exterior complementary space to the building. The “L” shape, aligning with the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 43<sup>rd</sup> St. orientation, also signals the campus entry at 43<sup>rd</sup> St.

Forming a “base” for the building, between the wings of the “L”, is the two-story Law Library. Situated partially below grade, the Library is capped by a roof-top terrace. The terrace forms the exterior focus of the building wings, rising above the base. All primary interior building circulation overlooks the terrace and campus green beyond. The inside angle (terrace facing) sides of the “L” are sheathed in glass, while the other sides are clad in brick, complemented by a variety of window shapes and sizes.

The interior of the building is organized with the Law Library on the lowest two (basement) levels. The front door is on the first floor level, set back from Memorial Way. A second entry is provided at the northwest corner, adjacent to the planned Sound Transit station.

The first floor contains the lecture halls, classrooms, conference rooms and terrace.

The second floor contains classrooms and law clinics.

The third and fourth floors contain faculty, staff and administrative space, and mechanical rooms.

Ryan said the project will go to the Regents in February 2001 for approval of the (GCCM) construction contract. Contract documents will be complete in July, with bidding in August and excavation in September. The proposed date of completion of the new Law School is July 2003. Occupancy will begin in Fall Quarter 2003.

Ryan said public funding (state funds and metropolitan bonds) will pay for two-thirds of the new Law School, and private donations the remaining one-third.

The council had largely positive responses to the drawings shown by Ryan, and to his explanations. There was some reservation about the design and the overall aesthetics of the building (one council member said it “looks like a prison”), and about the precise nature of the brickwork, which has yet to be determined. Ryan said careful consideration is being given to the concept of the brickwork, which will be “heavily rusticated at ground level, with the color pattern changing at higher elevations.” Gates, who thought the building presented an “unfriendly face,” said the choice of brickwork is crucial in order for the building to present a friendly or welcoming face to the community. It was noted that the new brick work on Meany Hall is very successful. Aylward, on the other hand, said: “I find it a beautiful building; I come from Health Sciences, where no aesthetics exist.”

Several council members thought it would be exceptionally helpful aesthetically to include art work on the façade or on one of the sides of the building. (A superlative example is the Foucault Pendulum on the Pacific Avenue side of the new auditorium-wing of the Physics-Astronomy Building.) With respect to the proposed improvements to the campus entrance from 15<sup>th</sup> at N.E. 43<sup>rd</sup>, Zuberbuhler expressed disappointment that the proposed walks were unresolved, leading only to the traffic circle on Memorial Way, rather than providing a clear pedestrian entrance to campus. Zuberbuhler said, “This campus lacks good entrances, and this is a lost opportunity. This could have been a good example of such an entrance, at N.E. 43<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.”

Ryan did not gainsay Zuberbuhler’s opinion, but said he feels the prospect of the University from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast will be considerably improved by the brick façade of the building visible from that street, as well as by the wide pedestrian pathway leading into the campus from 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be street trees all along 15<sup>th</sup>, he said, further enhancing the aesthetic value of the area surrounding the Law School.

Ryan said the proposed circle on Memorial Way may one day lead to underground parking in redevelopment of the Burke site. (The proposed circle anticipates such a project.)

### **Briefing on EE/CSE Phase III – Zaki Ovardia**

Ovardia said that both Phases I and II were programmed in the early 90’s. When the time came to continue with the project after Phase I was completed in 1996, the Administration decided that the original program no longer adequately addressed the needs of the departments. Phase II was subsequently cancelled and a new program was written for what is now called CSE/EE III.

Ovardia said there is a limitation in the Phase III site; only so much space can be used in the project. The question is how to mesh the existing EE building with the new building, which is more functional in design, and much more practical.

There will be a six-story atrium space between the old and new buildings forming a common assembly space for faculty and other occupants. The building has no classrooms except for two in the basement. The building will house primarily faculty and administration offices.

The new building will be “L”-shaped. The outside of the building will be brick with metal highlights. The color and pattern will match the EE Building (Phase II).

As for the schedule of the project, Ovardia said the Capital Facilities Committee authorized the bidding of the hazmat and demolition of the Old EE Building. Bidding activity for the construction of the new building is heavily dependent on successful fund raising. The project will cost \$70 million, with \$20 being provided by the University. \$10 million will be from state funding; part of the University’s 2001-2003 biennial budget request (which is not a “done deal” as yet) and the rest from private and corporate donors.

### **Agenda items for February 23<sup>rd</sup> FCUFS meeting, and for subsequent meetings**

Schaeffelberger asked council members if they had agenda items for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> FCUFS meeting, or for subsequent council meetings.

Gates, who is serving on a special committee of arts units – including representatives from Meany Hall and the University’s museums – seeking improved signage at UW, with special but not exclusive emphasis on signage in the underground parking beneath Red Square. Gates said she will have a compilation of what arts units want and need in the way of signage by the February 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. She emphasized that, though there are areas of heightened concern, the entire campus is in need of improved signage.

Aylward said she would be very interested in hearing a presentation on any future plans for the Health Sciences. As she has stressed in previous council meetings, her lab space in Radiology is pathetically

limited. Office space is all but non-existent, and there is barely space for housing necessary equipment. Aylward knows a great many colleagues who are similarly inconvenienced, though this crisis in truth goes far beyond inconvenience. Many faculty simply do not have the minimal space they need for equipment, for shelving, and for office space, to say nothing of lab space in which to do their own work and in which to teach research assistants. (In many cases research assistants have no place to sit.)

Bramhall, from Anesthesiology, said problems of adequate space in Health Sciences can seriously affect not only recruitment and retention, but can even affect career directions, research faculty who do not have requisite space in which to do their work being redirected into clinical work, as an extreme example.

Schaufelberger said Helen Remick, Assistant Provost and Equal Employment Officer, will address the council on the issue of access for handicaps on campus.

Coulter said that enhancement of lab and office space will have to come from some other physical location, such as south Lake Union. Unfortunately, there is no more room on campus for such additions.

Schaufelberger said Jeri McCray will address the council on the energy crisis, as it affects the University, at an upcoming council meeting.

**Next meeting**

The next FCUFS meeting is set for Friday, February 23, 2001, at 10:30 a.m., in 36 Gerberding Hall.

Brian Taylor  
Recorder