

University Of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., January 17, 2013
26 Gerberding Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Approval of Minutes for 13 December 2012 meeting
 3. Intellectual House
 4. Campus Landscape Framework
 5. HUB Remodel Update
 6. New Business
 7. Adjournment
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Bill Rorabaugh.

2. Approval of Minutes for 13 December 2012 meeting

The minutes from the December 13th meeting were approved as written.

3. wəłəbʔaltx™ (Intellectual House)

John Wetzel, Project Manager in UW Capital Projects, was introduced to the Council to provide an update on the Intellectual House.¹ He noted that FCUFS has been consulted multiple times on this project, and the proposal is to build a modern interpretation of a Coast Salish longhouse-style facility where the N6 parking lot currently stands, adjacent to McMahan Hall. The mission of the project is: “to provide a multi-service learning and gathering space for Native American students, faculty and staff, and others of various cultures and communities to come together in a supporting and welcoming educational environment to share their knowledge and their cultures with one another.” Questions followed on the impacts of parking on North Campus; this is a planning and budgeting issue.

Fundraising goals for the entire project were not met, which has caused it to be broken into two phases. The Phase 1 project budget is currently anticipated to be \$5.8 million, with the bulk of these funds split between philanthropy and central university funding, and state appropriations. Material donations have been contributed by local tribes, as well. Wetzel described the timeline for the project. Design work is currently underway, with construction planned for 2013 - 2014 and occupancy in winter 2015.

Key design elements were described. The building is a modern interpretation of a Coast Salish design, including exposed structure, wood exterior walls and generous glazing (windows). There is a large interior gathering space, in addition to outdoor teaching and gathering spaces, ceremonial spaces, and a connection to water. Council members expressed interest in the impacts of this construction on adjacent buildings, namely McMahan Hall. Wetzel clarified that construction will be protected by an existing buffer of trees of the east side of the site. Other questions followed on the amounts of noise or smoke generated by ceremonial use, and Wetzel informed that most events would occur within the gathering hall. Fire is an important feature for ceremonies and cooking, and discussion followed on how to mitigate the impacts of such a fire. Wetzel was unsure of the frequency of such events.

¹ http://www.washington.edu/diversity/tribal_relations/hok/index.shtml

The proposed site plan was presented, with the importance to honor the history of native people through this site. Plans include features such as water, native plant materials, meadows areas, the fire pit, and trails through the site, with an amphitheater type structure radiating around the fire pit. Glare from the building will be minimized by surrounding trees. The initial phase Longhouse will serve as a gathering hall, able to accommodate between 400-500 people for a dinner event. Should additional funding be secured, the second phase of the project would be a student services focused building closer to Lewis Hall. Classes could also be offered within the longhouse, outside of its functions as a gathering hall. A kitchen will also exist, which could offer both cooking classes and will accommodate catering.

The project has enlisted 4Culture (King County Cultural Services) to help develop a plan to raise funds for additional art, both for the building and the site. Outside space will be landscaped to include multiple different plant/environmental areas, and there will be a space to cook salmon outside, taking caution to avoid attracting tailgaters during athletic events.

As this is a wood building, council members requested to know how the building will be protected from potential impacts by rats, termites and mildew. The architect, Johnpaul Jones has experience in building similar structures, and Wetzel offered to provide this information for FCUFS in a future meeting. The suggestion was made to use a "green" roof, however this was noted to fall outside the current funding for the project. The Council asked that potential for passive heating and other sustainable features continue to be explored by the design team. Other questions followed on the potential color changes of the wood on the exterior of the building and the pallet of colors for the smaller "support" building. This building is hoped to be certified LEED Silver. Wetzel offered to return with additional design and impact information.

4. Campus Landscape Framework

Kristine Kenney, University Landscape Architect, was introduced to explain the Campus Landscape Framework. This is not a traditional landscape masterplan, but instead focuses on how to develop stewardship which helps develop plans, including buildings, roadways and pathways for all land that UW operates. A handout was provided to the Council with the framework and goals. This will be a 2 year project, ending in mid-2015, and Kenney noted that much engagement has taken place with faculty, staff, administration and students to determine who would be interested in involvement with this project. Public meetings will also occur in the future.

Kenney noted the breadth of the framework, considering buildings, open spaces on campus, the relationship between buildings and landscape, and mobility. She highlighted the impact of the Rainier Vista plan in 2008, and shared hopes that the Montlake Triangle will be renovated in the future, potentially serving as a pedestrian gateway to campus.

FCUFS requested an updated presentation of the Rainier Vista project for a future meeting. Upon questions regarding campus policy on public art, Kenney expressed hopes of a program to establish practices, and for the UW Public Arts Commission to renew its activities. Other discussion followed on a new signing program put on hold, construction graphics programs, protection against invasive species and standardization of lighting.

Student expertise will be utilized for these discussions, for example forestry students could help form an urban forestry management plan. Council members commended the use of students in this project. Kenney suggested a faculty forum for outreach with faculty, during fall or winter quarter in 2013 - 2014. It was suggested that she also conduct focus groups with building coordinators.

5. HUB Remodel Update

Lincoln Johnson, Associate Vice President and Director of Student Life and the HUB was introduced to the Council. The remodeled HUB has been open for 4 months now. This remodel was the result of conversations since 2005, particularly driven by students. Three grand opening events have been held; some students involved in the beginning of the project attended these events. Council members commended Johnson on the results of this project and noted that students seem to be embracing the new building.

Johnson expressed few concerns regarding the remodel. He noted that the reservations system is still not as user friendly as had been hoped. Fewer reservations have been placed in the building after its closure for construction; this is expected to rise. This is important as the building is dependent on this funding. Despite this, the ballrooms have been booked from Thursday through Saturday up to commencement in June. The only two elements removed from the HUB were the Newsstand and a displaced gallery space serving as the corridor to enter into the dining area.

To reduce the numbers of people walking on newly laid sod for the HUB lawn, a suggestion was made to place signs stating "Lawn Opening in Summer 2013." Concerns were raised on the lack of visibility for the entrance to the Bike Shop in the HUB, and slow billing process. Questions were posed on building security, and Johnson noted solely two thefts during his tenure at the university, and the addition of automatically locking doors for the first time. Though items occasionally go missing, they are often recovered shortly afterwards. A US Postal Service drop box was removed, but efforts are being taken to bring this back. Johnson suggested that the Council tour the completed building.

6. New Business

It was suggested that the Council address a vigilance system for monitoring the health and welfare of University grounds. Another suggestion was the impacts of vending machines and quick food service options.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. by Chair Rorabaugh.

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Present: **Faculty:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Christie, Stecker, Balick (Sabbatical),
Ex-Officio Reps: Zuchowski, Coslett, Vardy, Byrne
Guests: John Wetzel, Kristine Kenney, Lincoln Johnson

Absent: **Faculty:** Proksch, Gates, Ozubko,
President's Designee: Kennedy
Ex-Officio Reps: Goldblatt