

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services**  
Tuesday, January 13, 2008  
36 Gerberding Hall

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

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Approval of the minutes of 17 November 2008
2. Lewis Hall schematic design (30 min.)  
Ken Kubota, Project Manager, UW Capital Projects
3. 2009-2011 UW Capital Budget (30 min.)  
Colleen Pike, Capital Projects
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

**1. Approval of the November 17, 2008 FCUFS meeting minutes.**

The minutes of the November 17, 2008, FCUFS meeting were approved.

**2. Lewis Hall schematic design presented by Ken Kubota, Project Manager, UW Capital Projects**

Ken Kubota began his presentation with a slide show containing various views of Lewis Hall, both in its current state as well as in the proposed renovated state. Kubota stated that Lewis Hall is a building built in 1899 which is in need of an upgrade to conform to modern safety standards. He noted that the existing residents are primarily those of the Business School, who will be relocated during the renovation.

Kubota pointed out that the original plans of Lewis Hall conformed to the original oval shape of the UW campus. The renovation will add approximately 10,000 square feet to Lewis Hall. The new site plan will recognize the main pathway across the quad area. The renovation will include lowering the floor to gain on-grade entrance to the building to maintain handicap accessibility requirements. He also mentioned that the pathway would be primarily pedestrian.

Kubota noted that the tenants feel strongly that student services be located on the ground floor. What were once dorm rooms will be turned into offices, each with a window. He pointed out that there will be no net increase in the number of classrooms; his office plans to replace existing ones. He also identified some space to be used as collaboration space where faculty and students can meet one another. Kubota acknowledged that the renovated Lewis Hall will be fully handicap accessible with the addition of an elevator.

Kubota pointed out that the third floor will contain more office, collaboration and conference space while the fourth floor will hold the classrooms, computer labs, mechanical rooms and there will be a small roof deck. His office is considering using green roofs with some sort of planning medium to reduce heat gain generated by the computer labs.

The main entrance to the building will look primarily the same as it does now with the exception of replacing one window with a handicap accessible door near the main entry on the ground floor. Kubota pointed out that Lewis Hall is a historical building and to maintain compliance as set forth by the State of Washington, certain elements have to be maintained. He acknowledged that in this four-story building the main challenge was not having ideal floor height. His office is considering heating and cooling systems which do not require much duct work in order to save space.

Council members questioned Kubota's plan to save the large madrona tree to the side of the building. Kubota felt that it is possible to save that tree and his office will make its best effort to do so; however they do have plans for planting alternative trees for the site if the madrona tree were not to survive the renovation.

There was some discussion around the table regarding providing air conditioning to the building and at what cost. Kubota pointed out that with the addition of the computer lab, some of the building will require an air conditioning system to be in place to reduce heat gain. Also, many offices face south. He noted that air conditioning does fit within the budget for the building so there was no additional cost to have it. Additionally, there is no UW policy against providing air conditioning. Kubota maintained that the windows will be operable and each room will have a thermostat so as to have more control over the use of the air conditioner.

Kubota closed with a short discussion on aesthetics. He pointed out that the original brick material of Lewis Hall was donated and his architects are trying their best to match the color.

### **3. 2009-2011 UW Capital Budget, by Colleen Pike, Director UW Capital & Space Planning**

Colleen Pike, Director of the UW Capital & Space Planning Office, opened her report by stating that the Governor's proposed budget is the first phase of determining the budget for the upcoming biennium. UW only got one project funded which was the Molecular Engineering Building. Her office plans to spend the rest of the legislative session trying to get funding from the state for other projects.

She noted that the Governor's proposed budget reduced funding for the Molecular Engineering Building by four million dollars and also reduced state funding for a project on the Tacoma campus. Some University funding was recommended for the Restore the Core program, however she noted that the state wants to revert to a six year cycle, rather than stay with the current four year cycle. Additionally, no state funding was provided for the safe campus communications system. She noted that the fire alarm system needs replacing and this project included an upgrade to a mass communications system.

Pike pointed out that the House of Knowledge was funded for the pre-design phase. Finally the only other building receiving state funds in the proposal was the Global Health Building, which contains some additional space for pharmacy and some classrooms.

Chair Rorabaugh asked Pike if she was surprised by the state's proposal. She stated that her office was hoping for more support from the state. She noted that Balmer Hall is a phased

project which did not get any state funding. Donors funded the entire first phase and her office was anticipating receiving state funding for phase two.

Laura Little asked if the Molecular Engineering Building phase was scheduled to move forward more rapidly than they had anticipated. Pike acknowledged that some projects may be accelerated and some may be eligible for federal funding as part of an economic stimulus bill. Her office is preparing to move forward by April if these bills pass, which will help the local economy by creating jobs. Pike indicated that the challenge will be to find alternative space for the residents of the Johnson Hall Annex, and classrooms that cannot be used during Molecular Engineering Building construction.

Pike noted that this budget proposal her office received from the state is just the first step. It will be several months before UW will know what will and will not be funded in state dollars. .

Treser mentioned the news that the Obama Administration may be putting together a package to increase college enrollment. He asked if anyone from UW is working on that. Pike acknowledged that Randy Hodgins is working on those items. She stated that the UW has put together a list of potential capital projects of about one billion dollars in federal funding requests. However, she could not confirm how much, if any federal funds, would come to the UW.

There was a brief discussion around the table regarding the Husky Stadium Project. Pike said that the Husky Stadium Project is not part of the UW capital budget. It is not going to be funded with state general fund capital budget dollars. Funding for that project is being requested from hotel taxes and other revenue. She informed the council members that the Husky Stadium Project will not compete with any funding for UW capital projects.

#### **4. New Business**

Chair Rorabaugh mentioned Bruce Balick's memo in regards to some federal grant funding which may be available to assist with capital projects which are using alternative forms of energy. Balick asked the council what the UW is doing to tap into any of these funds. Colleen Pike volunteered to do some checking on what other funding sources may be available for those projects. She will report back to the council her findings.

Treser added that the electrical engineering department can put together some demonstration project in terms of alternative energy. Pike advised Treser and other council members to go to the Planning & Budgeting website to submit any ideas with regard to the UW budget.

Albrecht introduced the subject of the UW Club and its lack of accessibility for handicapped patrons. He noted that there are a large number of mobility challenged people who use the club and it does not offer accessibility. Albrecht stated that he is a Club member and his group has petitioned for funds for an elevator to be installed. Instead the Club put in a new inclinator, which did not help those still in need of an elevator. Chair Rorabaugh also noted that accessible parking is an issue at the UW Club. Albrecht pointed out that he would like to see an elevator from the garage to the club level. He also identified the UW Club as having more mobility challenged patrons than any other building on campus due to the nature of its membership of retirees. Colleen Pike suggested that Albrecht go to the UW Club

Board for assistance. She also noted that getting funding for that project during this economic climate could be difficult.

Paul Zuchowski offered some comments about the HUB renovation project and expects to have the pre-design plans by the end of this month. Included in the plans are renovations for the HUB. His office intends to put the plans and funding options to the SAF for a vote. If the SAF supports the project, the plans will go to the Board of Regents in June or July for a vote. He estimates the total cost of the project to be approximately \$140 million to \$188 million, noting that the project has been scaled back a bit to be able to hit the lower end of the estimate. The student fee associated with this project will be \$75 per student per quarter.

Albrecht's proposal for an elevator in the UW Club was identified as an agenda item for the next meeting. Council members felt it would be proactive to get someone from the UW American Disabilities Act (ADA) Office involved in the proposal.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

*Minutes by Kelly Baker, Council Support Specialist, [kcbaker@u.washington.edu](mailto:kcbaker@u.washington.edu)*

Present: Faculty members: Rorabaugh, Chair; Bichindaritz, Chizeck, Little, Taylor, Treser  
President's Designee Alternate: Chapman  
Provost's representative: Pike  
Other ex officio members: Albrecht, Padvorac, Vannatta, Walker, Zuchowski  
Absent: Faculty members: Gates, Moore, Ozubko  
President's designee: Charles Kennedy  
Guests: Ken Kubota, UW Capital Projects Office