

Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
2012-13 Annual Report
Submitted by Bill Rorabaugh, Chair

Summary

FCUFS met eight times from October 2012 to May 2013. In addition to reviewing building projects, FCUFS spent considerable time on possible classroom upgrades, campus child care, transportation issues, including bus passes, bicycles, and parking, and sustainability, including green construction and food service purchases and practices.

Construction Projects

Reports were presented on Odegaard Undergraduate Library renovations, on the underground Animal Research and Care Facility (ARCF) next to Foege Hall, on the repurposing of Fluke Hall as incubator space for tech start-ups, on the Intellectual House (i.e., the Indian Long House), on the reopening of the Husky Union Building (HUB), and on the proposed new Burke Museum building.

Student Housing

FCUFS reviewed Maple and Terry Hall projects on West Campus, including sustainable gardens.

West Campus Plans

UW is heavily involved in establishing a Livability Partnership with the city and private sector in the U District. Also, an overall Campus Landscape Framework is under development, which will have a large impact on the area west of 15th.

Transportation Issues

There was much discussion about separation of pedestrians and bicycles on the Burke-Gilman Trail, about bicycle parking, about anticipated changes in parking policies effective Fall 2014, and about the U Pass, including UW's low subsidy compared to other employers. UW Sound Transit stations at both Husky Stadium and on Brooklyn were discussed, including construction schedules and the UW building vibration issue during both construction and later operation.

Childcare for the UW Community

FUCFS heard a report on the difficulties surrounding operation of the Terry/Lander Child Care Facility during nearby construction and a later report showing that UW compares poorly with peer institutions in providing child care spaces.

Classroom Upgrades

Plans are underway to upgrade classrooms in terms of tech support. Many classrooms have very outdated equipment. UW Learning Space Assessment is underway.

Sustainability

All construction projects are evaluated in terms of green construction, often attaining the LEEDS silver standard. Housing and Food Services buys organic and local products whenever possible and is a national leader in recycling.

Council Members for 2012-13 Academic Year:

Faculty: Bruce Balick, Astronomy; Rich Christie, Electrical Engineering; Sarah Gates, Drama; Christopher Ozubko, Art; Gundula Proksch, Architecture; Bill Rorabaugh (Chair), History; George Stecker, Speech and Hearing.

Presidential Designees: Charles Kennedy, Associate Vice President, Facilities Services.

Ex-Officio Representatives: Christina Byrne, ALUW; Daniel Coslett, GPSS; Steve Goldblatt, UWRA; Coby Vardy, ASUW; Paul Zuchowski, PSO.