

**University of Washington**  
**Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services**  
December 12, 2005  
36 Gerberding Hall

Chair Schaufelberger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

1. Announcements, approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. Construction Support for Guggenheim Hall (Lara Branigan)
3. Sound Transit Planning (Richard Chapman)
4. New Business

**1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes**

The December 12, 2005 meeting agenda was amended to include new business items.

The November 15, 2005 minutes were approved. Committee members requested that future minutes include recommendations or action taken by topic.

**2. Construction Support for Guggenheim Hall (Lara Branigan)**

Branigan presented the proposed Guggenheim Hall construction site plan and reviewed the pedestrian, wheel chair, vehicular routes as well as the subcontractor trailer locations and laydown areas. Flaggers will be posted at access gates along Benton to direction traffic entering/exiting fenced site. Construction fencing will be in place from March 2006 through end of 2007. Construction is scheduled from April 10, 2006 till Fall 2007. The handicapped parking stalls at C 17 may be reconfigured for the duration of the project. Pavements, landscape and irrigation removed during construction will be restored at the conclusion of the project. The proposed use of Guggenheim Annex to house the UW Construction Offices was approved. **Action Taken:** Council approved plan presented for temporary facilities to support Guggenheim Hall renovation project.

As an aside, the Johnson Hall construction fence will be removed at the end of December 2005. Construction trailers for the Johnson Hall project will remain at Rainier Vista till the start of the Guggenheim Hall project to save on lease and moving fees.

**3. Sound Transit (ST) Planning (Richard Chapman)**

Chapman presented an update on the ST Light Rail Project. The proposed route from Capital Hill to Stadium Station was reviewed. Current funding for this project will run out at the Stadium Station location, making it the interim northern terminal. A proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will continue north to Brooklyn Ave. NE and NE 45<sup>th</sup> St. area, and on to Roosevelt and Northgate, pending federal funding approval. The current plan of locating a light rail station by Safeco Plaza is being challenged by the Safeco expansion plan, resulting in ST revisiting the Burke Museum site. The major campus concerns with light rail are the side-effect of vibration and electromagnetic field (EMF) on campus research instruments located in buildings such as Fluke Hall, Mechanical Engineering and Annex, Electrical Engineering/Computer Science and Bagley Hall. Chapman distributed a handout of test results that measured vibrations and EMF levels at various campus locations produced by simulating two trains traveling at 30MP. These vibration projections and EFM results are based on perfect maintenance, with no wear and tear on rail equipment. ST will run a train on track next year to collect readings during rapid accelerations, decelerations, flats and other maintenance scenarios, to gather more information for further analysis. If new test results exceed current prediction level, ST will have to reengineer system to bring readings to acceptable levels. Any time ST accidentally exceeds vibrations/EMF levels or a breakdown occurs in ST tunnel under campus, ST will be fined \$10k. For not correcting problems and thus purposely

exceeding vibrations/EMF levels, the fine will go up to \$100k. A series of sensors will be installed in the tunnel and affected buildings and vibrations/EMF readings will be available online for easy monitoring. Chapman encouraged all to attend upcoming ST Central Link Oversight Committee meetings to voice concerns in person. FCUFS will be updated as hard data becomes available. Besides pedestrian safety, concerns were raised that light rail under campus may be a high risk strategy and the FCUFS would like to see a well thought out contingency plan. Council proposed doing an impacted research programs inventory and asking ST to fund a new building, maybe in conjunction with the new Electrical Engineering project, and relocate these programs. The Council also expressed great concern regarding the design of the station near Husky Stadium, particularly the pedestrian access to the Medical Center. **Action Taken:** Council requested that the Chair be notified of all future Sound Transit Advisory Committee meetings so that the Council can monitor the continued planning activities regarding the Light Rail project.

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

Schaufelberger briefed Committee on upcoming agenda items for the FCUFS winter quarter meetings:

January 23

1. Alumni House Alternative Site – Lee Copeland
2. Emergency Operations Center – Sandra Lier

February 13 & March 13

1. ICA Master Plan/3-Story Parking Garage

Schaufelberger, on behalf of the FCUFS Committee, thanked McCray for her contributions over the years and extended best wishes for a happy retirement. John Chapman, Acting Associate Vice President for Facilities Services, will be replacing McCray as the President's Designee on the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Minutes by Theresa Wu, Administrative Assistant

Present: Faculty members: Schaufelberger, Balick, Berry, Chizeck, Little, Rorabaugh  
President's designee: McCray  
Other ex officio members: Chamberlin, Fales, Schoen

Absent: Faculty members: Gates, Heerwagen, Pace, Treser  
Ex-officio members: none

Guests: Lara Branigan, Project Manager, Capital Projects Office; Richard Chapman, Associate Vice President, Capital Projects Office; Theresa Doherty, Assistant Vice President, Office of Regional Affairs, Angie Wallace, Office Manager, Graduate and Professional Student Senate.