

University Of Washington  
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., December 8, 2011  
36 Gerberding Hall

**Meeting Synopsis:**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2011 Meeting
- 3) Bryant Building and Police Dept. Relocation
- 4) Burke Museum Remodel
- 5) Adjournment

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bill Rorabaugh called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes were approved, pending corrections.

**3. Bryant Building and Police Dept. Relocation**

John Vinson, UW Police Chief introduced himself and briefly discussed the need for the new Police Station to serve the community and as long-term strategy. He thanked the Council for support. University Architect Rebecca Barnes thanked the council for being patient in terms of receiving design of the Police station. She described the catalyst of this project due to the State Route 520 construction, which will fund a substantial amount of the project.

The current site of the police station will become a waterfront park, owned and maintained by the City of Seattle. Theresa Doherty, from the Office of Regional Affairs, presented the impacted areas of the SR 520 expansion. This area includes UW property, which will be reimbursed by Washington Department of Transportation (DOT). These funds will be used to create a new police station and park. Doherty discussed the timeline of the project, beginning during the first or second quarter of next year, with new Bryant Park being finished before the end of 2015. It was noted that UW architects will have input on the park design. Discussion followed on difficulty of construction, and site contamination.

UW Regents had been informed about this project in spring and responded positively. As University wouldn't receive funding from Washington DOT until 2012, it will need to use its own funds to begin the project. Barnes presented a list of members for the advisory group, consisting of administration, UW Police, students, Campus Security Advisory Committee, Capitol Projects who provide input regarding project, site, and budget.

Sites are currently being investigated to locate a preferred site for the Police Station prior to presenting a final pre-design to UW Regents. Barnes discussed the process for forming the needs regarding the Station, interviewing police members, looking at comparison groups, and otherwise. She discussed an increase in the facility size, the potential addition of firing range, and need to not have any potential for blocked entries/exits.

Barnes presented several hypothetical building and site configurations, between 30,000 and 50,000 square feet, and 17 sites considered. She discussed the criteria, and discussed matrix with four categories: Location (Visibility, UW community connection, perception of safety, pedestrian impact), UW Programmatic (program fit, vehicular accessibility, extended faculty criteria, future growth for UWPD, access to secure parking), Institutional Issues (Impact on existing uses, impact on potential future site uses, relative construction costs, other project costs), and Advisory Group Recommendation. Four of these sites were recommended, with the preferred site adjacent to the Burke-Gilman trail and on Brooklyn Ave NE.

Questions arose as to the rationale why the building would not be located along 45<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, and Barnes agreed that there were tradeoffs, noting support of such locations by students, but difficulty to access such a location due to congestion on 45<sup>th</sup>. The preferred site has three potential access points, and has small impact on UW development, as it is currently a parking lot and other lots are adjacent to the area. Further discussion was around the visibility of the police, ability to withstand seismic activities, and location near the Ethnic Cultural Center.

#### **4. Burke Museum Remodel**

John Palewicz, Director of Strategic Programs in Capital Projects Office, presented the predesign to the Burke museum which was created between April 2009 and June 2010. Washington State allocated \$300,000 for the redesign. The remodel would cost \$52.5 million, with additional funds hoped to be raised through private fundraising. He briefly mentioned the original construction of the building, and difficulties such as the lack of air conditioning. Ellison Kundig architects analyzed the current building, seeking potential expansion and seismic impacts. Contrary to hopes of a large expansion, only 5,900 square feet could be added to the building.

Palewicz discussed the visibility of the museum, and discussed foot traffic descending from 45<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He described the congestion of traffic due to the formal entry on Memorial Way serving as the entrance to all campus parking. As this building is not historically significant, its exterior can be modified. Palewicz described new "Pathway Concept" for the museum which would allow visitors to see displays as well as working areas where employees can be seen at work with collections. The Council emphasized support for this concept, and asked questions regarding the impact on museum employees.

An alternative plan of adding another building to the museum was discussed by Julie Stein, but the cost was much greater and it was not ecologically viable. With the "Pathway Concept," design exhibit space would be added from storage space. The remodeled concept was presented, shifting the entryway and lobby to the southwestern corner of the building and create a walkway circulating around working areas. Administration and loading dock would be moved from the western side of the building to the north side to take advantage of the foot traffic entering from the northwest and west. The Café would continue to exist in the southern portion of the building. The exterior of the museum is planned as a semi-open brick wall, with permeability but to protect from too much sun; it was requested that the cost of cleaning such windows be included within the budget.

A question was posed whether a "green wall" (a wall covered with vegetation) could be used at the Burke Museum, but Stein commented that the presence of plant life is not compatible with preservation of artifacts. Further questions followed on how the pedestrian traffic would be addressed architecturally by the building. Stein responded that the plan would continue with

the overall structure of the building. Tensions between creating further access to the Museum and adding parking on the north side of campus were noted, and Stein suggested that parking limitations may serve to push for the addition of underground parking in north campus. She emphasized the importance of redesigning the Burke Museum, as it serves to welcome to the public to the University, adding that 25,000 K-12 students visit the museum annually.

Some of these redesign ideas have already been presented to Rebecca Barnes. The current plan is to request design funds of \$5 million during the next biennium, two-thirds coming from the state and the rest with private funds. Stein discussed difficulty in lobbying both at a Washington State level and within the University, but \$1.5 million in funds have already been raised.

## 5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on 11:41 a.m.

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*Minutes by Jay Freistadt, Faculty Council Support Analyst. [jayf@u.washington.edu](mailto:jayf@u.washington.edu)*

**Present:**           **Faculty:** Rorabaugh (Chair), Proksch, Ozubko, Balick  
                          **President's Designee:** Kennedy  
                          **Ex-Officio Reps:** Kamkar, Zuchowski, Goldblatt  
                          **Guests:** John Vinson, Rebecca Barnes, Theresa Doherty, Lindsey Cameron, Ken Kaboda, John Palewicz, Julie Stein, Erin Younger

**Absent:**           **Faculty:** Gates, Treser  
                          **Ex Officio Rep:** Byrne