

University of Washington
Faculty Council on University Facilities and Services
Wednesday, 29 November 2006
36 Gerberding Hall

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

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Approval of agenda, approval of minutes
2. SR520 Plans and Impacts on UW's Academic Program (Aaron Hoard)
3. Potential Winter Topics
4. Winter Quarter Meeting Times and Dates
5. Resolutions and Recommendations

1. Announcements, Agenda, Minutes

The November 29, 2006 meeting agenda was approved. The November 1, 2006 minutes were approved.

2. SR520 Plans and Impacts on UW's Academic Programs (Aaron Hoard)

Hoard indicated that WSDOT probably received between 1,700 – 1,800 comments based on their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which equates to thousands of issues to be addressed. The University's comments on the DEIS primarily focused on the permanent land loss from the UW campus, and the impact this has on the Arboretum, UWMC, Husky Stadium, Center for Urban Horticulture and the Botanic Gardens, and how this affects future academic and research growth and developments, not to mention access and aesthetic issues. The proposed Pacific Interchange will transfer 85% of traffic to Montlake Blvd. The Council questioned the accuracy of the WSDOT's traffic modeling and the corresponding impact on the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods. Theoretically, the proposed Pacific Interchange will remove the current bottleneck and improve traffic, but the scenarios used in estimating travel time lack the necessary depth to produce an accurate forecast. Tube ideas were advocated by the Arboretum, but are too costly and will affect the fisheries operations. Lowering elevation of the proposed interchange could affect RV Thompson's access to Sand Point. Access to the UWMC during the construction period will impact patients and may be detrimental to recruitment of nursing and radiology staff. UW also does not favor acting as a transfer hub for ST, which would require setting aside 140 ft. to accommodate a bus stop.

The Council identified three categories for mitigation by WSDOT –

- Make whole any negative access issues created during the construction period, such as providing valet parking for patients and police to direct traffic at large campus functions and events.
- Provide one time parking replacement funding for parking structure to replace lost E1 and other parking slots.
- Provide design considerations for extensive lidding to replace lost opportunities and land, replace three pedestrian bridges, lessen impact to the Canoe House and the Waterfront Activities Center, and make whole any impact to the Arboretum.

3. Potential Winter Topics

The HUB Master Plan was identified as a potential winter meeting topic.

4. Winter Quarter Meeting Times and Dates

Balick asked those council members who have not responded to his request for Winter Quarter meeting times and dates to please do so.

5. Resolutions and Recommendations

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Present: Faculty members: Balick, Berry, Chizeck, Gates, Moore, Schaufelberger,
Treser
President's designee: Kennedy
Other ex officio members: Schoen

Absent: Faculty members: Little
Ex-officio members: Chamberlin, Fales, Pike

Guests: Aaron Hoard, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Affairs; Peter Dewey,
Assistant Director, Transportation Services