

University of Washington
Faculty Council on Student Affairs
1:30-3:00 p.m., June 5, 2012
107 Poplar Hall

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to Order
 2. Rob Lubin, Associate Director, Facilities and Capital Planning, Housing and Food Services
 - a. Status of current student housing occupancy (demand versus capacity), and future trends
 - b. Status of new constructions
 - c. Tour of Poplar Hall
 3. Approval of minutes from the May FCSA meeting
 4. Report from the chair
 5. Adjournment
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Fabien at 1:36 p.m.

2. Rob Lubin, Associate Director, Facilities and Capital Planning, Housing and Food Services

a. Status of current student housing occupancy (demand versus capacity), and future trends

Rob Lubin presented statistics on the current and future capacity of student residences. The current designed capacity of student housing is 5,486, reaching 6,291 through the use of triple occupant rooms. Of the 7,529 current applications for fall quarter housing, this number is expected to decrease to 6,605, leaving a 314 person wait list. The wait list prioritizes returning students and freshmen who signed up by a cutoff date. New residence halls are 50% more expensive than preexisting housing, reflecting additional amenities and new construction. Despite this, the new Poplar and Elm Halls are currently oversubscribed, with higher price sensitivity in returning students than freshmen.

Additional capacity in student residences will come from construction in West Campus, continuing to reach near 8,000 beds in 2015. No additional beds are planned to for North Campus however these halls will later be overhauled. Lubin emphasized the role of the Learn 2 Live program on construction, with new spaces contributing to life-shaping student experiences and academic and social growth, while engaging a diverse group of students. Sustainable practices were prioritized in construction, both in environmental and expenses of new construction. Additional beds are a response to both student displacement while buildings being remodeled/rebuilt and increased number of students at the University. Despite higher prevailing wage standards and more expensive building materials, the cost of building these residences was comparative to privately built residences. Private residences were not considered a threat to University owned residences.

b. Status of new constructions

Lubin gave an overview of opening dates for new residences on West Campus:

- Poplar Hall and Cedar Apartments: Opened in September 2011
- Elm and Alder Hall: Opening September 2012
- Mercer Court: Opens September 2013

- Lander Hall: Open December – January, 2013-2014
- Terry Hall and new Terry-Lander dining facility – September 2014

Rationale for constructing new buildings rather than renovating Terry-Lander was due to new construction allowing for more beds, better pedestrian space and light, at less cost. Lubin described efforts to improve walkability in the area and the emphasis on mixed use spaces, such as a restaurant, a grocery store, student resource centers, with separate entrances for student security. He described a new restaurant, cafés and informed of plans for the University to roast its own coffee, pending discussion with major coffee companies. Buildings have different individual themes, with one example being a sustainability partnership with the School of the Environment, and a half-acre farm run by UW Urban Farming group, with 800 student volunteers.

Discussion followed on shared spaces, group study rooms and other amenities. Such spaces serve to allow students to interact outside their rooms, work together in small groups at tables with LED screens for students to connect their laptops to. Video editing space, painting space and garage band space were also built within new construction. Council members asked questions on the capacity to live in the residence halls but waive a meal plan, the ability to reserve shared spaces in these halls and access to the West Campus Fitness Center within Elm hall. Regarding parking, it was mentioned that only 4% of residence hall students have cars, and most parking is for commuter services and carpools and is owned by transportation services in compensation for the parking lots in exchange for parking removed due to new construction. Lubin mentioned potential opportunities for generating revenue within new buildings by renting open spaces to a bank or a service beneficial to the area, and renting spaces for conferences.

c. Tour of Poplar Hall

A tour of Poplar Hall would follow remaining discussion items.

3. Approval of minutes from the May FCSA meeting

The May 1st FCSA meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. Report from the chair

Fabien noted that student conduct code will be forthcoming. He informed of a student suicide during the last week, and the presence of a campus wide alarm situation for emergencies. Shootings at Café Racer did not trigger this alert as it did not happen on campus.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. by Chair Fabien.

Minutes by Jay Freistadt, Faculty Council Support Analyst, jayf@u.washington.edu

Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), Burke, Berninger
Ex-Officio Reps: Christenberry, Jones Wiles, Hanken
Guests: Rob Lubin

Absent: **Faculty:** Bailkin, Schwartz
President’s Designee: Johnson
Ex-Officio Reps: Scott, Smith