

UNIVERSITY SPACE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES #4 May 12, 2006

The second meeting of the University Space and Facilities Committee was held on Friday, May 12, 2006, in Nelson Hall East Room 106 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Schulz, Nicole Alvarado, Ann Burroughs, Beth Burroughs, Edie Butler, Gary Krietsch, Burt Nordstrom, Sara Wood (proxy for Noah Schillo), Sheila Steinberg, Joan Tyson, Steve Smith, Debra Hopkins

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes for Meeting #3 (May 12, 2006) were approved.

MINOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT PROPOSALS

Bob asked to move the Project Status Report to the third item for today, moving the Minor Capital Outlay Project Proposals up for discussion.

The proposals submitted total almost \$1,300,000, with \$775,054 that includes the ADA component. The amount that is usually provided to the campus for Minor Capital Projects averages \$250,000, but this depends on the issuance of the bonds. The Minor Capital Funds will cover fiscal year 2007/08. More information on these funds will be provided in January 2007.

Bob asked Debbie to go through and provide a short summary of each proposed project. Gary asked if there was a physical problem with the Marine Lab. Steve Smith responded that he believed there was, but the committee that prioritized the projects found the Child Development Lab to be the highest priority because it involves children.

The first project listed was the Student Affairs request for the UPD Evidence Room Ventilation. There is a room in SBS that UPD uses for evidence storage. There is evidence that when stored results in fume problems. The room is internal to UPD and it is not located on an outside wall. This project has been requested before for the 2002/03 fiscal year. Gary asked if the room could be relocated. The room has been reconfigured over the year; there was no evidence room in the original design of the building.

The ADA Automatic External Building Door Openers was the next request from Student Affairs. This has been part of a phased project. Phase 3, which is being requested, will provide door openers for Siemens Hall (2), Natural Resources (2), Forbes-West Gym, Van Matre (3) and Theatre Arts.

The Child Development Lab renovations will include expanding the building footprint to the north. It would also include earth quake safe windows, a storage shed, an observation booth, and a main storage room. This project also includes an ADA component.

The Marine Lab faces compliance issues. New drainage systems must be implemented and the project would allow for an application for a State Exemption of Discharge into an ASBS. If approved, the Marine Lab can then apply for the required federal permit to discharge sea water into the ocean at Trinity Bay. There have been lawsuits against marine labs around the state because of this issue. If the new implementations are not made, the lab could be shut down.

Founders Hall 202 will provide an ADA compliant computer lab. The aisles would be made wider and computers would be relocated to accommodate individuals with mobility impairments.

The proposal for Library Compact Shelving in the basement would provide for the purchase and installation of mobile shelving units. This will reduce the safety issues involved with high storage and of the security of the documents themselves.

The Fulkerson Recital Hall request will upgrade stage and concert lighting, and will provide acoustic renovation and a stage retrofit.

The Plant Operations Women's Restroom proposal will create an accessible multiple stall toilet room and shower room. The Women's Restroom is currently one stall without a shower, and is shared by three departments. This project includes ADA components.

Burt asked about the cost for the ADA Door Openers, as it seems rather low. The placement of the openers in Siemens Hall (Human Resources) and Forbes is considered and discussed. The suggestions for locations came directly from the SDRC Committee, who evaluated the appropriateness of the locations. Nicole asked how much the cost was per door. Debbie said around \$10,000.00. Nicole asked that the project be changed to eliminate the Forbes door opener from the list, as this will be constructed in the new Physical Education Building.

Sheila Steinberg asked what would happen if the committee did not approve the Marine Lab proposal. Bob said that the money would be taken from somewhere else. Gary said that the Marine Lab should be the top priority. Bob said that some of the Marine Lab space is not functional. Sheila asked if the lab was in legal violation. Bob said the permits are due this month. A reasonable plan has been put together to show that work will be physically accomplished. The money will not be physically available for several months, but the option remains to use the money from this year's Minor Capital allocation and switch it out with a project from this year, in order to accomplish the work. This would be approved by the Space

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Committee at a later date.

Bob asked the members to rank what they considered the top three priority projects. He then asked each member for their top three, and gave the following point values to their rank, with 1 being the highest priority: 1=3 points, 2=2 points, 3=1 point. The following is how the committee prioritized the Minor Capital Outlay requests:

1. Marine Lab Plumbing & Drainage- 24 points
2. ADA-Automatic External Door Openers- 19 points
3. Founders 202 ADA Compliance- 7 points
4. Child Development Lab- 2 points
5. Library Compact Shelving- 1 point
6. Plant Operations Women's Restroom- 1 point
7. UPD Evidence Room- 0 points
8. Music 132-Fulkerson Recital Hall- 0 points

Please note that all items receiving the same amount of points were prioritized by their cost.

Bob asked that a motion be made to accept the prioritization of the 2007-08 Minor Capital Outlay Projects as listed. The motion was made by Steve Smith and Sheila Steinberg, and was seconded by Nicole, who added that Forbes be removed from the list for the ADA Automatic External Door Openers list. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bob reported that Science 3B is the major project for the summer. Nicole asked if left-handed desks would be placed in the new lecture rooms. Bob said the seating will be seminar-style, with solid table running from one end of the seats to the other. Duplex outlets near the end of the rows and WiFi connectivity will be provided in the lecture rooms. Every lab within Science B is receiving new finishes and ceiling replacements. Sara asked if windows are being constructed. They are not, as they would not be easy to install.

The new Physical Education Building construction has begun. The contractors will be silent on the day of Commencement but will begin again on Sunday. Within two years the building will be operational.

Burt asked about the status of BSS. Danco-Swinerton's contract was extended 41 days for the rainy weather. The building is still expected to be completed by March. Department moves will occur over the summer. The discussion still remains over backfill into Harry Griffith Hall.

Nicole said she had received an email from a student about signage in front of Science B. One sign looked like a gallows. Nicole had not actually seen the sign, but said she would check it out and email Bob about it.

NEXT MEETING

Burt said he believes it is a commencement sign.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 10am in the Corbett Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.