

UNIVERSITY SPACE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES #3 March 22, 2007

The first meeting of the University Space and Facilities Committee was held on Thursday, March 22, 2007, in Nelson Hall East Room 106 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Saeed Mortazavi, Gary Krietsch, Anna Kircher, Jena Burges, Carl Coffey, Robert Gunsalus, Dorothyann Guido, Patrick Wiley, Tim Moxon

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for Meeting #2 (February 14, 2007) were approved.

MAJOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

Gary provided a brief overview of the Major Capital Outlay projects scheduled for 2008/09. The Educational Services Building Project was split into two phases because of the cost. The Library and Van Duzer Theatre are on the list to be seismically upgraded. The majority of the upgrade will include bracing of existing structural beams. Tim Moxon added that there were some signs that had made their way around campus that suggested the East Gym was not seismically safe. Tim said that all the buildings on campus have been surveyed numerous times and there are no current seismic issues with any of the campus facilities. Robert Gunsalus asked if there was adequate funding for the Seismic Upgrades. Gary said the funding will come from the Chancellor's Office and the amount listed is an estimate. Carl mentioned that the campus is only allowed one Major Capital Outlay project per action year. Saeed Mortazavi asked what Capital Renewal included. Carl said it is used to replace major systems on campus, such as what was done in Science B last summer. The next priority on the list is the Library Commons Project. Robert Gunsalus asked if the age of the campus had been considered by the Chancellor's Office. Carl said it has been but not enough. Humboldt State is the highest funded campus in the CSU.

Saeed Mortazavi asked about the University Annex lease and why there was not a buy option included in the agreement. Carl said that the contract was renegotiated by administrators that are no longer on-campus and they most likely were focusing on year-to-year goals rather than long-term plans. More discussion occurred over the Annex and the accountability of decision making on-campus. It was mentioned that Carl, Gary and Tim have a very long-term perspective for the campus. Property on Granite Avenue is being looked at

for acquisition possibilities. The Bay View House was purchased and the Mai Kai (Campus Apartments) and Mill Street properties are in the process of being acquired. Other projects included in the Five-Year Plan are the Art & Jenkins Building and ADA Access and Site Improvements across campus. The Art & Jenkins building is dilapidated and needs to be replaced. This campus is one of the most difficult to maneuver given it's hillside location, for which the ADA Access Project will provide elevators and replace pathways for better disabled access.

Anna Kircher asked about the bond funding. Gary said that feasibility studies help with the planning for funding. System-wide General Obligation bonds are the State's responsibility, whereas Revenue Bonds (non-state bonds) are the responsibility of the campus.

Gary asked for a motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan. Saeed Mortazavi made the motion and Jena Burges seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

HYDROGEN FUELING STATION

The Schatz Energy Research Center received a grant from Chevron and other entities to pursue Hydrogen Fueling options. The Schatz Research Center obtained a hydrogen car as a part of the grant. A fueling station is needed in order for the car to be used. Tim said they have found a location south of Harry Griffith Hall for the fueling station to be placed. This fueling station will become a part of the California Hydrogen Highway Network Program. The hydrogen equipment will be placed within the Plant Operations yard and will be surrounded by low concrete walls. The car will be driven by the President and the unveiling should take place in the fall. Tim and his staff are working on approval for the plans in order to build the station. Once approved, the station should be completed near the end of May or early June.

Saeed asked if Carl could present the Hydrogen Fueling Station to the Academic Senate and he agreed. Carl asked that the handout on the station be forwarded to Merry Schellinger.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.