



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2011
Room 3-15 University Hall
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Dru Marshall (delegate) – Chair, Zach Fentiman (delegate), Nima Yousefi Moghaddam, Don Hickey, Todd Anderson, Elisabeth Le, Frank Nargang, Ben Louie, Bart Becker, Marlene Lewis (Coordinator), Deborah Holloway (Scribe)

PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:

Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students' Association
Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Academic), Student Union delegate to GFC FDC
Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Pat Jansen, Executive Director, Planning and Project Delivery
Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC
Doug Ramsey, Principal Architect, Group 2
Don Schmitt, Diamond and Schmitt Architects
Hugh Warren, Executive Director Operations and Maintenance (Facilities and Operations)

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Le/Moghaddam

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2011

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Hickey/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of February 24, 2011.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on the following: A concerted effort has begun to switch all U of A student accounts

that use central email over to Gmail. Starting in April, AICT will be contacting units to discuss unit needs and to schedule an appropriate time to move members of the unit onto Gmail; The Marketing and Communications office has announced the launch of a new set of resources for units across the University. These resources include a toolkit of web-based resources, a refreshed University of Alberta logo online and removal of hosting costs for the university enterprise content management system; The Board of Governors has re-appointed Dr. Lorne Babiuk as Vice-President (Research), effective July 1, 2012 for a second five-year term.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW) – Schematic Design Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students' Association; Zach Fentiman, Vice President (Academic), Student Union delegate to GFC FDC; Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; and Doug Ramsey, Principal Architect, Group 2

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre – Schematic Design Report which reconciles the delivery of the services and programs as outlined in the approved Functional Master Plan Report.

Discussion:

Mr Louie and Mr Becker introduced the item noting that the Schematic Design Report provides an overview of the process used to establish and validate stakeholder needs. The enhanced space is environmentally friendly, focuses on all dimensions of wellness and has a minimized carbon footprint to incorporate sustainable design principles within the University context.

With the aid of a power point presentation, Mr Louie provided the following information and points: the Report reconciles the program requirements identified within the Functional Master Plan and balances the need for new and renewed infrastructure; the Program Summary chart outlines the November 10, 2010 area requirements, the March 11, 2011 schematic design area requirements and the variance between the two, including the addition of service space area and backfill area; LEED® strategies for sustainability include natural light, Use of natural, recycled and low-emitting healthy materials, Integration of high-albedo roofing materials, efficient shading and glazing, sensor and low voltage switching for interior lighting, "Dark Sky Compliant" exterior lighting, use of high fly ash content in concrete; maximization of recycled content in structural steel.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenters addressed comments and questions expressed by members concerning the following matters: the parking area for the Steadward Centre will be repurposed for DATS traffic and service vehicles, fitness machines will be in the mezzanine level, offices will be re-deployed and not lost, the size of the gymnasium will not change, some studios will be sound-attenuated and the space between rooms will be sound-isolated; racquetball courts will be repurposed, the number of squash courts will decrease but will be built to regulation size, the concourse will be large enough for food vendors, the level of LEED certification is researched carefully and the University chooses the plans to deliver a sound building.

Motion: Hickey/Nargang

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, on delegated authority from General Facilities Council, and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW) Schematic Design Report as the basis for further design development.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Dentistry-Pharmacy Building Re-Development

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Don Schmitt, Diamond and Schmitt Architects; and Hugh Warren, Executive Director Operations and Maintenance (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: The Dentistry-Pharmacy Building Re-Development report has been prepared in anticipation of the programming and functional renewal of the Dentistry-Pharmacy Building. Once the construction of the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) and Edmonton Clinic South (ECS) are complete, faculties currently occupying the Dentistry/Pharmacy building will be relocated to their respective new spaces in ECHA/ECS as well as renewed space in the Katz Group Centre for Pharmacy and Health Research and the Medical Sciences Building.

An assessment/concept design report has been completed that identifies the constraints for renewal of the Dentistry/Pharmacy facility. As space within Dentistry/Pharmacy will become available for renewal in 2012, the design phase for renewal will need to commence in the summer of 2011. Programming of recommended occupants will commence and the construction logistics and phasing plan for this type of major renovation will be further developed alongside funding applications.

Discussion:

Mr Schmitt and Mr Warren introduced the item noting that the project provides an opportunity for the development of administration/academic space with appropriate support spaces, the repurposing of an existing facility to a higher level of utilization and the reduction in overall institutional Facility Condition Index values (deferred maintenance).

Mr Louie discussed how the process for the Dent/Pharm project differs from previous processes which begin with programming needs and are followed by repurposing the building to those needs. The Dent/Pharm project allows for assessment of the building's infrastructure, opportunities and challenges first with programming coming second. As well, he stressed the importance of a vision to revitalizing the heritage property.

Mr Schmitt reported that to date, assessment of the property shows that a full range of uses can be accommodated in the space and that some of the existing infrastructure

6. Camrose Performing Arts Centre – Design Development

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Pat Jansen, Executive Director, Planning and Project Delivery; and Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations

Purpose of the Proposal: To inform GFC Facilities Development Committee regarding the design development for the proposed Camrose Performing Arts Centre (Phase 1) that is planned as a collaborative project of the University of Alberta, the City of Camrose and Camrose County. The Centre is located on University land.

Discussion:

Mr Jensen and Mr Becker introduced the item and provided a brief summary highlighting that a needs assessment had been submitted to the City of Camrose in past years and that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between, the City of Camrose and Camrose County and the University of Alberta allows for the project to move forward.

With the aid of a power point presentation the presenters summarized attributes of the location, how the project follows the objectives of the University's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), the funding relationship between the stakeholders, the proposed LEED standards for sustainability.

7. Projects Update from the Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Presenter: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots

No items to date.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

No items to date.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.