



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2011
3-15, UHALL
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

ATTENDEES:

Don Hickey – Acting Chair (Delegate), Andy Cheema (Delegate), Sagar Lunawat, Neil Buddel, Elisabeth Le, Debbie Feisst, Shannon O’Byrne, Phil Haswell, Matthew Li, Loren Kline, Ben Louie, Bart Becker, Ann Hodgson (Coordinator and Scribe)

PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:

Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Colleen Skidmore, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic)
John Barry, Faculty of Physical Education Recreation
Kyle Braithwaite, Office of the University Architect
Lesley Cormack, Dean, Faculty of Arts
Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students’ Association
Colette O’Brien, Office of the University Architect
Doug Ramsey, Group 3 Design Representative
Barb Shipman, Principal, Barbara Shipman Architect
Rory Tighe, President, Students’ Union
Hugh Warren, Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance (Facilities and Operations)

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The Acting Chair, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) Don Hickey, asked members to consider the tabling of Item 7 (ie, the *GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC) Learning Spaces Subcommittee (FDC LSS) Draft Report (June 27, 2011)*) in light of the absence of the Subcommittee’s Chair, Colleen Skidmore. Members agreed to revise the agenda to reflect this change.

Motion: Le/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the revised Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2011

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Haswell/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of September 22, 2011.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

There were no comments from the Acting Chair.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Fine Arts General Space Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Lesley Cormack, Dean, Faculty of Arts; Barb Shipman, Principal, Barbara Shipman Architect; Colette O'Brien, Office of the University Architect.

Purpose of the Proposal: To form the basis for further planning for the Faculty of Arts' three Fine Arts Departments (Art and Design, Drama, and Music).

Discussion:

Acting Chair Hickey invited Mr Louie to welcome the Fine Arts General Space Program presentation team to the table. Mr Louie introduced his team members and provided a brief synopsis of the project's history, leading up to the development of the General Space Program (GSP). Mr Louie indicated the critical need to update the existing General Space Program, thereby enabling future planning and alignment with the 2011-2015 Academic Plan.

Dean Cormack identified key faculty drivers that were instrumental in supporting the three Faculty of Arts' Fine Arts Departments (Art and Design, Drama, and Music), and guiding the construct of an updated GSP.

Aided by the support of a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, Ms O'Brien reiterated the purpose and planning of the GSP document.

The presentation was well-received by the Committee. Members of the Fine Arts (GSP) presentation team responded to members' questions, including queries relating to joint-use/student space management.

Motion: Le/Buddel

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Infrastructure, the proposed Fine Arts General Space Program (as set forth in Attachment 2) as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED

5. Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre Design Development Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students' Association; Rory Tighe, President, Students' Union; John Barry, Faculty of Physical Education

Recreation; Kyle Braithwaite, Office of the University Architect; Doug Ramsey, Group 2 Design Representative.

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre – Design Development Report which advances the design into the next phase of construction documents.

Discussion:

Acting Chair Hickey invited Mr Louie to introduce the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre – Design Development Report; he welcomed all PAW Presentation Team members to the table. Graduate Students' Association President Coulthard provided a detailed account of the original initiative and design concepts and spoke, as well, to the two student referendums which have contributed to the comprehensive report. Mr Coulthard noted that the refined design report before members has evolved through significant consultations and extensive amounts of collaboration. Students' Union President Tighe identified the key strategic objectives within the current design report.

Mr Louie presented an in-depth summary of the design development report, aided by the support of a PowerPoint presentation, which served to inform members of the overall design process, including the challenges and opportunities, design principles, and its alignment to the University of Alberta's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

The PAW Presentation Team received positive feedback from members and responded to their general queries and comments, including questions on campus/pedestrian traffic flows and interactions through the social street configuration, sustainability initiatives, student/staff spaces, user privacy, and University vehicle/maintenance congestion. Mr Louie highlighted the order of progressive steps within the consultation and approval processes for this project.

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Facilities Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre Design Development Report, as set forth in Attachment 2, as the basis for developing contract documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Balmoral Repurposing - Exterior Design Review

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Hugh Warren, Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: As part of the Design-Build Construction (DBC) process, the contract team (Stuart Olson Dominion Construction) is required to submit renderings of the external look of the facility to the University for review and input. The first draft of renderings (as before members) will be reviewed by: GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC), Facilities and Operations, the Belgravia Community, Project Steering Committee (includes Alberta Health Services (AHS), Alberta Infrastructure (AI), Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW), Advanced Education and Technology (AET) and the University of Alberta (UofA)).

Discussion:

Acting Chair Hickey invited Mr Becker to introduce the report on the Balmoral Repurposing - Exterior Design Review to members. Mr Becker welcomed Mr Warren to join him in presenting the report. Aided by the support of a detailed PowerPoint presentation, Mr Warren summarized the Balmoral renderings by highlighting the three options, as presented to the University community on October 26, 2011; and reporting that the outcome of the October 26, 2011 community consultation session indicated consensus appeared centred on (preferred) Option B.

Mr Warren received feedback and responded to questions from members. He indicated that the next step for this project's development process will be to bring this item back to the next meeting of GFC FDC for the Committee's formal consideration and approval.

7. GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC) Learning Spaces Subcommittee (FDC LSS) Draft Report (June 27, 2011)

This item was removed from the Agenda and will be discussed at the next meeting of the GFC FDC scheduled on November 24 2011.

8. Projects Update from the Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (no documents)

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

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Mr Becker provided a brief status report on a number of capital projects that are nearing completion or are currently in various stages of development, highlighting the:

- *ICE building:* UofA continues to work with community leagues and community relations on this project.
- *Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA):* The lower three floors are occupied by staff; by December, most faculty and staff will be moved in; an `oversight committee' will be established to manage issues which may arise and on an ongoing basis; the ECHA Grand Opening date is being finalized for some time in January, 2012 through Government Relations—GFC FDC will be advised of the date.
- *North Power Plant:* UofA continues to work with student representatives on this project.
- *Dent/Pharmacy building:* Facilities and Operations will bring a design development report to GFC FDC when it becomes available.
- *Katz building:* Sector planning is ongoing (housing, space planning, amenities planning).
- *South Campus/LRDC-North:* Sector planning is ongoing (community consultations, focus group, open houses); a general open house will be facilitated for late Winter (late February, 2012).

9. Question Period

A member posed a question concerning a safety concern (pedestrian/cyclist/wheelchair traffic) with the

“unmarked” cut-outs located at the University bus transit area/88 Avenue (in front of the Dent/Pharmacy Building).

Mr Hickey and Mr Becker received the information, as provided, and advised that this issue will be taken under consideration by Facilities and Operations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items to date.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items to date.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.