



General Faculties Council  
Facilities Development Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2013  
Room 3-07, South Academic Building  
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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**ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members:

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| Colleen Skidmore<br>(Delegate) | Provost and Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate                         |
| Ben Louie (Delegate)           | Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)                                |
| Andy Cheema<br>(Delegate)      | Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate                     |
| Huiman Zhong<br>(Delegate)     | Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate      |
| Debbie Feisst                  | Academic Staff  |
| Elisabeth Le                   | Academic Staff  |
| Erasmus Okine                  | Academic Staff  |
| Joanne Profetto-<br>McGrath    | Academic Staff  |
| Shannon O'Byrne                | Academic Staff  |
| Phil Haswell                   | Support Staff   |
| Loren Kline                    | Academic Staff, Cross-Representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee |

Presenter(s):

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| Lorna Baker-Perri  | Associate Director, Space Planning and Programming, Office of the University Architect               |
| Barbara Ballermann | Chair, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry                                     |
| Bob Haennel        | Acting Dean, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine  |
| Dennis Kunimoto    | Vice-Dean (Faculty Affairs), Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry                                       |
| Peter Milne        | RMC Resources Management Consultants   |
| Ben Louie          | University Architect and Director (Office of the University Architect)                               |
| Colleen Skidmore   | Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee |

Staff:

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| Garry Bodnar  | Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee |
| Emily Paulsen | Scribe  |

**OPENING SESSION**

Dr Elisabeth Le, GFC FDC Vice-Chair, carried out the role of Acting Chair at the beginning of today's Committee meeting. She noted that the Chair, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic) Colleen Skidmore, was delayed because of her attendance at the President's Town Hall being held elsewhere on the University's North Campus.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Haswell/Feisst

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 24, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: O'Byrne/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of January 24, 2013.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

After returning from the President's Town Hall held early this afternoon, the Chair commented on the Administration's anticipation of the Provincial Budget to be released on March 7, 2013. She also spoke in detail about the town hall meeting at which she had been present, relaying key points that the President had made to those in attendance.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Department of Medicine General Space Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Dennis Kunimoto, Vice-Dean (Faculty Relations), Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Barbara Ballermann, Chair, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Peter Milne, RMC Resources Management Consultants; Lorna Baker-Perri, Associate Director, Space Planning and Programming, Office of the University Architect

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve the General Space Program for the Department of Medicine as the basis for developing future planning for the Department, including the Department's portion of the Functional Program for the Clinical Sciences Building Backfill.

*Discussion:*

The Acting Chair invited the presenters to the table, thanking them for their attendance.

Dr Kunimoto outlined general ratios for the Department of Medicine, including the number of staff members, students, residents, researching funding, and funding allocations. He emphasized the continued significant growth of this department since 2006, noting that it has created increased pressures within the unit for space. It was explained that vacancies were created in the Clinical Sciences Building (CSB) when occupants of that building were decanted to the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA). He also noted that this program will help to consolidate the Department of Medicine, which currently is widely spread across the University's North Campus.

Dr Ballermann continued by briefing members on the specific situation in which the Department finds itself. She emphasized the importance of having the Department consolidated, which is significant in interdisciplinary research and which will help reduce administrative inefficiencies. She also spoke of the academic mission of the Department and its goal to have the collective work of those within this unit recognized globally as leaders in their fields. It was noted that the Department's growth in terms of space is also related to the intricate relationship between the unit and Alberta Health Services (AHS). She stated it is also a goal to allocate space for Postgraduate Medical Education and to properly incorporate their administration.

At this point, Mr Milne continued the presentation, noting that the plans in place take into account projections for the Department's anticipated growth over the next five years. He stated that CSB will not accommodate new 'wet' lab space, so the focus of this project is 'dry' lab space and administration.

During the ensuing discussion, presenters addressed questions and comments including, but not limited to: wet lab space administered by the Office of the Vice-President (Research); accommodations available for graduate students; explanation that the growth in the Department is not equally distributed among sub-specialties; and clarification that this proposal is to quantify and justify the space required, while the following proposal on today's GFC FDC agenda, while connected, is with regard to solutions to accommodate the Department of Medicine's current and future space needs.

Motion: O'Byrne/Haswell

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

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Clinical Sciences Building Backfill Project Functional Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Dennis Kunimoto, Vice-Dean (Faculty Relations), Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Bob Haennel, Acting Dean, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine; Barbara Ballermann, Chair, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Peter Milne, RMC Resources Management Consultants; Lorna Baker-Perri, Associate Director, Space Planning and Programming, Office of the University Architect

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve the Functional Program for the proposed building occupants of the Clinical Sciences Building (CSB) as a basis for the backfill of the building.

*Discussion:*

Moving on from the previous agenda item, Mr Milne continued to present to members, explaining the Clinical Sciences Building (CSB) Functional Program, the purpose of which is to identify existing space and, in turn, to recommend the allocation of space for current and future occupants and needs. He noted that the opening of the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) and the Kaye Edmonton Clinic created this backfill opportunity by creating vacant space in CSB. Mr Milne emphasized that Alberta Health Services (AHS) has a significant impact on this project. It was noted that there is wet lab space currently being used by the Faculty of Nursing, who will remain in this space.

The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's space guidelines required some adjusting to maximize the use of space and to keep the renovations within its budget. Space for future building renewal projects were also

taken into account. Mr Milne provided detailed space summaries, including references to current occupants, future occupants, and operational plans for the move. It was noted that there will be a significant decrease in AHS office space and an increase in the University's utilization of the space. The general target for completion of this project is projected to be in three to five years.

Dr Haennel spoke on behalf of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine which, he stated, will use the CSB backfill project as a means of consolidating clusters within the Faculty's Departments, all of which are into substantial interdisciplinary interaction (eg, the completion of this project would better allow physical therapy specialists to link with those in orthopedic surgery).

It was clarified by Ms Baker-Perri for the benefit of members that the offices that will move into CSB will not create much vacant space on campus because this project is to accommodate existing space deficiencies in the identified growing units.

Dr Skidmore thanked the presenters for their thorough presentation on such a complex project.

Motion: Kline/Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Clinical Sciences Building Functional Program (as set forth in Attachment 2), excluding specifics related to the siting of this facility, as the basis for further planning.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6. Rescission of the UAPPOL Long Range Development Plan Compliance Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Ben Louie, University Architect

*Purpose of the Item:* To remove redundancy and ensure University policy is in compliance with the Policy Development Framework in UAPPOL. This policy has been determined to be redundant given that the *Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)* states that an institutional long range plan is required.

*Discussion:*

For information, Mr Louie, as the delegate of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) at this meeting of GFC FDC, made members aware of the UAPPOL Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Compliance Policy that was soon to be rescinded by the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), given that existing Provincial land use regulations made this institutional policy statement redundant and, hence, no longer necessary. He asked whether or not members had any concerns, comments, or questions with regard to this matter.

There were no questions or comments from members.

### 7. Project Update from the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Ben Louie, University Architect

*Purpose of the Item:* For information/discussion.

*Discussion:*

Mr Louie gave the following updates:

- Amendment to the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) at South Campus – the second Community Open House will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at McKernan School “Old” Gym from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. A final plan is to be presented to GFC FDC in May.
- Planning updates for Sectors 7 and 8 are now complete and will be on the March 28, 2013 GFC FDC agenda.
- Michener Park Sector Planning – through a ‘Request for Proposal’ (RFP) process, and out of 6 submissions, GEC Architects was the successful consultant team awarded the contract earlier this week. Their work will take roughly one year to complete, involving planning, consulting, and developing a strategy to renew Michener Park.
- Campus Open Space Master Plan for North Campus – through an RFP process, and out of 6 submissions, O2 Planning and Design was the successful consultant team awarded the contract earlier this week. Their work will be directed and managed by a Project Steering Committee and a Campus Open Space Master Plan Advisory Committee.
- North Power Plant Concept Design is now 90% complete (following the visioning and programming charette). It is anticipated this will be presented to GFC FDC in April or May, 2013.
- Recladding of the Universiade Pavilion – Facilities and Operations has met with the Faculty Communication Working Group; will be presenting to the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation on March 11, 2013; and will follow up with a presentation to GFC FDC on this matter for information and discussion.
- Repurposing of the Dentistry/Pharmacy Building – the Design Development Report for Core and Shell will be presented to GFC FDC in June, 2013.
- SUB (Students’ Union Building) Basement Renovations and Additions – this project is at the Design Development stage, along with work resolving site constructability issues surrounding 89 Avenue and the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre project, University Hall renovations, and work on the SUB basement.
- Construction projects in progress: Innovation Centre of Engineering (ICE) Building; 89 Avenue Student Residences; PAW Centre (the proposed landscape design for which may come to the March, 2013 GFC FDC meeting); the pedway connecting the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA), Kaye Edmonton Clinic, the Health Sciences LRT station, and the University Hospital; Medical Isotope and Cyclotron Facility (the work on which is substantially complete, with the commissioning of the cyclotron now in progress).
- Additions to St Joseph’s College and the Schematic Design for the Aboriginal Gathering Place are upcoming.

Mr Louie also noted that progress of the 89 Avenue student housing is on schedule. As well, he commented on the University’s receipt of both an award of excellence in engineering building and design and an award of merit in project management granted in regard to ECHA and the Kaye Clinic.

## 8. Question Period

Members engaged with the Chair in a discussion revolving around the University’s budget and the recent President’s Town Hall, which included questions and comments including, but not limited to: the preparation of mandate letters by the government that could significantly affect the University’s Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP); the decision to not react to the local media regarding the budget because at this time reports are most often based on speculation; government processes and regulations

that can often keep the University from pursuing creative and interesting options, such as cost-recovery programs; the anticipation that Alberta's *Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)* will be reopened; the concept of vertical, rather than horizontal, cuts to offset budget deficiencies, which has been the trend in the past; and noting several awards that the University has been granted recently.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.