



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, July 30, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Wendy Rodgers	Chair, Deputy Provost
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Debbie Feisst	Member, Academic Staff
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Loren Kline	Member, Academic Staff, Cross-Representative of the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)
Fahim Rahman	Member, Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff
Harsh Thaker (Delegate)	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Pat Jansen	Member, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Kline/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 21, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Hickey/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of May 21, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introduced herself. She invited new members to introduce themselves.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Research and Collection Resource Facilities (RCRF): South Campus Concept Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Ben Louie, University Architect; Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian

Purpose of the Proposal: To develop a concept plan for RCRF that accommodates the approved functional program, while meeting development and design guidelines for sector 12 of the Sector Plan, consistent with University of Alberta's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and with minimal adverse effects to research operations of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences on South Campus.

Discussion:

Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian Gerald Beasley provided members with a brief summary of this item.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Louie outlined the project goals of the RCRF, as contained within the general program space proposal that Committee members approved in March 2015. He highlighted additional goals related to this item, including the mandate within Section 18 of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) to provide two public open houses when the University undertakes substantial development. He reminded members of the timeline of events related to this item, including plans for the concept design, interactive design, installation of utilities, and construction, as well as the expected institutional governance route.

Mr Louie displayed an aerial view of the proposed site for the RCRF in South Campus, noting that it is near the LRT station and has been planned for this location based on consultation. He added that this project's location aligns with the LRDP. He reported that there are several guidelines involved in the site plan selection for this project, including continuity within and between districts, and development controls.

Mr Louie outlined the pros and cons of each four proposed site plan options, and provided members with the site specific development guidelines. He noted that this project has been planned referencing examples of modern buildings which have used contextual, vernacular, agrarian building forms.

In terms of the approach to concept for the RCRF, he explained that the focus has remained around ensuring that the building design complements adjacent buildings, and that that it contribute to the campus-scape of South Campus, and the siting will retain and enhance existing campus fabric.

Mr Louie reported on the details of the elevation sketch of the Concept Plan. In regards to this, Mr Beasley noted that high-density academic buildings are not unique to the University of Alberta and that these exist at other post-secondary institutions.

During the discussion in regards to item, members provided various comments and questions.

A member began the discussion by enquiring about the unique design build model used for this project, and the process was explained to members, with reassurance that the construction would not begin on this project

ahead of appropriate Committee approval and/or discussion. A member requested additional information in regards to possible parking areas for this building, and it was noted that parkades would be constructed in the future, and that in addition, the LRT would be very close. Also, it was noted that there will be delivery options from this facility to other University of Alberta campuses. For those materials which cannot leave the facility, it was clarified that there will be space for review within the facility. A member noted that this building will represent a shift in usage, since BARD was not a public access facility and that there may be increased user demand. In regards to this, it was explained that this process is still in early stages but that this building is not being designed for car access. A member enquired about the size of the delivery vehicle designated for this facility. Clarification was provided in relation to the type of material stored at this facility, and that these materials are less used generally. A member requested clarification in regards to Faculty consultation surrounding this project, and it was noted that in addition to the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES), the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation would be consulted as well. A member requested information in relation to BARD delivery statistics, and it was noted that exact statistics were not available. Members discussed the digitization of materials, and the impact of this on future demand and trends. A member asked about the considerations for future adaptability for projects during the design phase. There was confirmation that from the architectural design standpoint, future uses are always an important consideration. A member canvassed other members in regards to whether they had personally visited BARD, adding that it is an important factor in the Committee's work. A member enquired about the site of the building, as well as ceiling height. A member requested more detailed site models as well as the importance of including consideration of other buildings and structures in the area, and that this Committee should be visiting the planned projects to get a better sense of the items up for consideration. A member sought clarification in regards to where this project was in the planning stage. A member asked how the orientation was determined. A member asked whether this space will include learning spaces. A member sought clarification as to whether there had been consideration for future adaptation to district energy. A member asked whether certain proposed plans would require amendments to the LRDP. A member sought clarification surrounding whether certain close facilities may be moved or removed in the future.

The Chair thanked presenters for their discussion.

6. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with a brief update in regards to several ongoing projects, referencing the following:

- Clinical Sciences Building (CSB): Ongoing floor by floor refresh and renewal including mechanical upgrades and finishes within select areas. All work is on schedule and will extend out through 2015-2016.
- St. Joseph's College Women's Residence: On schedule, several areas of the building interior are in the final turn over phase with site work and landscaping now progressing to near completion. Substantial completion and final building commissioning will be completed in the next few weeks and occupancy is on schedule for September 2015. There will be a GFC FDC walk-through in August.
- East Campus Village Infills (ECV): Both buildings have the drywall installed (near complete), painting has commenced and millwork has started. The flooring substrate has been applied with flooring to start in the new couple of weeks. Scheduled occupancy for September 2015 is still being planned for.
- Students' Union Building (SUB): Exteriors have advanced per schedule, July completion on target. Various interior areas have been turned over for occupancy. Final clean up remaining, deficiency work will extend out into August.
- Peter Loughheed Hall (PLH): Construction is well underway with building service rough ins, the lower level foundation and grade beams now in place. Occupancy planned for early 2017.

- ICE – CME: Core and Shell 99%, still a couple of clean up areas related to glazing and exterior panels – end of August targeted completion. Site work underway and near completion including the layby area off 116th and sidewalks. Interior fit out complete and occupied with the expectation of the top three floors, these will be turned over in August as planned.
- 63rd Road access South Campus: Landscaping design features and entrance signage concepts continue to advance with signage and final landscaping now being worked on, completion by end of August (pending weather).
- Augustana Founders Hall: Exterior is near completion, retrofit on interiors is ongoing, turn over for fall term.
- Augustana Aboriginal Student Commons: Construction to commence in May.
- Foote Field: Turf replacement set to commence in May.
- Twin Arena: Business Case and program has been advanced to a draft concept phase. Awaiting City of Edmonton (COE) signatures.
- Islamic Garden: Concept Development Phase. His Highness the Aga Khan will continue the ongoing assessment and reviews with their design team. Grant funding has been formally released.
- Research Collection and Resource Facility (RCRF): RFQ process for the selection of the design and contractor proponents.
- Gathering Place: No further advancement from Schematic Design.
- Devonian Botanic Garden ECO: No further advancement from revised Schematic Design.
- Dentistry/Pharmacy: No further advancement on major retrofit from Core and Shell Design Development.

7. Question Period

A member enquired about the usage of the Dentistry/Pharmacy Building in regards to tenancy by Alberta Education, and this was confirmed.

A member sought clarification regarding the start date of the construction for the Multi-Faith Prayer and Meditation Space, and it was noted that construction is anticipated to begin in January 2016.

A member asked about the status of the Gathering Place, and it was noted that it is in design development.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.