

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
March 31, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Gulley Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Attending: James Bradley, Thomas Callahan, Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith, Karla Fox, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire

Absent: Lorraine Aronson, Janet Greger, George Kraus, William Stwalley, David Woods

Staff: Kathy Slowik

Agenda Items:

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| 1) Review of Minutes from meeting of March 3, 2006 | All |
| 2) B&G Operating Guidelines | Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith |
| 3) Deferred Maintenance Update | Jim Bradley |
| 4) Master Plan Update | Jim Bradley |
| 5) Facilities Operations | Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith |
| 6) Other | All |

Discussion:

- 1) Review of Minutes from meeting of March 3, 2006: Minutes from the March 3, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Committee members were asked to forward any corrections to Kathy Slowik by Monday, April 3, 2006. Thereafter, the minutes will be posted.
- 2) B&G Operating Guidelines: Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith reminded the group that the operating procedures and policies for B&G in their current format were derived from several sources. It is important, therefore, that the members of the Committee familiarize themselves with these new policies and procedures, a copy of which was distributed. If members have questions or comments regarding these policies, they should be prepared to raise them at the next B&G meeting.
- 3) Deferred Maintenance Update: Jim Bradley distributed a first draft of some operational guidelines for tracking, prioritizing, and budgeting deferred maintenance projects. He also spoke to the need to separate standalone deferred maintenance issues from those that arise in the course of other work. The Committee was asked to provide feedback on this document, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jim Bradley asked the Committee to approve a list of five deferred maintenance issues that will need funding from the balance of the FY '06 emergency deferred maintenance line.

These items were:

- Repair of water leaks for the ITEB building - \$50,000
- Modifications to the roof of the new School of Business building - \$45,000

- Modifications to Ryan Refectory - \$181,000
- Nayden Clinic Relocation - \$15,000

Ross MacKinnon moved to support this request and this was unanimously supported by the Committee.

- 4) Master Plan Update: Jim Bradley noted that some minor changes had been made to the Master Plan map so as to more clearly represent new buildings and available sites. The Master Plan book itself needs some edits before it can be taken to the Board. It was noted that the Master Plan was approved for presentation to the Board by the Master Planning Committee. Therefore, it will be presented to the Board at the April 11, 2006 meeting.
- 5) Facilities Operations: Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith noted that a subcommittee of B&G had been working on the issue of fiscal responsibility for various aspects of construction and maintenance projects. A preliminary report had been presented to B&G in May 2005. This report had been based upon best practices at other universities and upon our own UConn culture. She noted that this was a project that needed to be brought to completion and it could, in fact, be a BEST group project. The Committee decided to return to this matter at its next meeting.
- 6) Other: John Saddlemire updated the group on Student Affairs' interest in helping to place information kiosks on the Campus. It was noted that such kiosks have been identified in the Way Finding Plan, although no funding is yet in place. It was decided to ask Lori Aronson and Student Affairs to work together on the construction of kiosks that will fit the guidelines of the Way Finding Plan.

Karla inquired about a Speakers Corner on the campus. She noted the Senate Executive Committee has a clear impression that the Board approved the construction of such a corner. The question arose as to whether a free speech zone implies that certain areas of campus are not open to free speech. On this topic, John Saddlemire will talk with Paul McCarthy for an opinion and will bring the matter back to B&G.

Linda provided an update of the cost of the Student Union project and Tom spoke briefly about the role of the new Building Grounds and Environment Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Slowik