

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
May 12, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Gulley Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Attending: Lorraine Aronson, Thomas Callahan, Barry Feldman, Karla Fox, Janet Greger, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire, William Stwalley, David Woods

Absent: James Bradley

Guests: Scott Brohinsky, Meg Malmborg

Staff: Kathy Slowik

Agenda Items:

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| 1) Review of Minutes from meeting of April 28, 2006 | All |
| 2) Recommended Sites for Historical Signs | Scott Brohinsky/
Meg Malmborg |
| 3) Review of Draft of Names Projects Included in UConn 21 st Century | Peter Nicholls/Tom Callahan/
Lori Aronson |
| 4) Depot Campus Update - Issues Related to Building Utilization | Peter Nicholls/George Kraus |
| 5) Funding of Facility Condition Assessment Update, by July 1, 2006, to Comply with Governor's Commission Recommendation and UConn Implementation Plan | Barry Feldman/George Kraus |
| 6) Update on Summer Projects (As time allows) | George Kraus |
| 7) Other | All |

Discussion:

- 1) Review of Minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2006: the group was asked to review the April 28 Minutes and submit changes to Melanie by Monday, May 15. It was suggested that the end time of the April 28 minutes be changed to 9:30 a.m.
- 2) Recommended Sites for Historical Signs: S. Brohinsky informed the Committee that one of the goals of the 125th Committee was to identify sites on campus which have an historical significance. To that end, a series of historical markers were developed and 11 locations on campus were identified where markers would be placed. S. Brohinsky noted the signs will be funded from the 125th anniversary budget. B. Stwalley recommended the Sundial be included in the marker distribution and it was noted the new location is anticipated to be in the circle outside Gulley Hall. M. Malmborg showed the Committee a sample marker model and S. Brohinsky noted the

signs should be in place by the beginning of the fall 2006 semester. It was suggested to place a sign near South Campus area only, rather than near the walkway on Gilbert Road, until a decision is made regarding faculty houses. The Committee agreed on the concept of historical signs on campus.

- 3) Review of Draft of Named Projects Included in UConn 21st Century: B. DeTora distributed a draft document outlining the revised phasing plan of the University's building program. Peter gave a brief overview of the document and reviewed issues associated with cost adjustments. R. MacKinnon asked whether or not this would have an effect on the equipment budget and L. Aronson stated that it did not. P. Nicholls noted a fair amount of the equipment budget would have to come from other sources of funding at some point in the future. P. Nicholls noted that a balanced program must be submitted to the Board of Trustees and approval must be obtained before plans can move forward.
P. Nicholls noted the document will be shared with a few more constituencies, and L. Aronson further noted this document would be taken to the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board on May 25 and then to the full Board of Trustees on June 20.
- 4) Depot Campus Update - Issues Related to Building Utilization: P. Nicholls updated the group regarding a variety of options of space utilization on the Depot Campus, noting one space being considered is the Merritt building on the Depot Campus. He noted one option for consideration is to move some of the School of Fine Arts departments so that Technical Services will not have to move out of its current building. The next step is for P. Nicholls, D. Woods and his department heads to visit the Depot Campus and evaluate the space. P. Nicholls will ask K. Slowik to schedule a visit soon. G. Kraus will obtain cost estimates associated with fixing the roof, asbestos removal, etc. L. Aronson noted we should take into consideration the potential to achieve efficiencies by co-locating Fine Arts activities. L. Aronson further noted she would be interested in seeing price comparisons among the various options. With regard to the storage contents in the Thompson building, it was noted that Purchasing must get involved in the identification and/or removal of the inventory of materials. B. Feldman offered to work with S. Alexander to move this process along.
- 5) Funding of Facility Condition Assessment Update, by July 1, 2006, to Comply with Governor's Commission Recommendation and UConn Implementation Plan: B. Feldman noted the University has a responsibility to update the Facilities Assessment Plan and, therefore, a proposal has been developed whereby funds would come from the unexpended existing FY '06 landfill DM budget to fund the assessment study. B. Feldman noted this information has been shared with DM subcommittee of B & G. K. Fox asked whether or not the landfill parking lot would become smaller and B. Feldman indicated it would not. T. Callahan made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and the Committee unanimously approved the proposal.

- 6) Update on Summer Projects (As time allows): G. Kraus opened the floor for any questions with regard to summer projects. P. Nicholls asked about the status of teaching summer classes in air-conditioned buildings. R. MacKinnon noted the Registrar is working through this issue to reschedule summer classes in air-conditioned classrooms. K. Fox suggested G. Kraus publish via the list-serve a list of projects taking place on campus over the summer so that appropriate notices can be communicated to the campus community regarding the potential impact of traffic flow and parking related to a particular project. A discussion ensued regarding the space that will be vacated by PRLACC and AACC this summer. A request by Psychology has been made to use the AACC space. However, the Committee is not aware of any requests for use of the PRLACC space. P. Nicholls he and B. Feldman work together with regard to space needs and G. Kraus will obtain cost estimates to move the building to the Depot Campus. This issue will be brought to the next Committee meeting.

It was noted that the DM projects list for next year will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Slowik