

**Minutes**  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee**  
**September 1, 2006**

Present: Barry Feldman, Peter Nicholls, Greg Anderson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Karla Fox, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley

Absent: Lori Aronson, David Woods

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:04am.

**Review of Minutes—**

B. Stwalley moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2006. Additions/edits were submitted by T. Callahan and G. Anderson prior to this meeting and the appropriate changes were made. Motion was seconded by R. MacKinnon. Committee agreed.

**Student Union Quadrangle Update—**

There were three options presented for this project and any choice will impact the front of the Castleman Building. Utilities have been located, and threshold elevations and surveying have been done on the site. Concern was expressed over whether or not walking paths which will develop from pedestrian traffic should be paved or not. To minimize these pedestrian paths (paths which are not paved walkways, but are instead created when large numbers of people walk over grassy-areas), the architects will review the volume of the pedestrian traffic in this area. It is best to let these paths be created naturally and then place a packed surface on them or pave later on. Paving new paths also creates additional issues, including the need for the new sidewalks to be the proper size for plows. Irrigation issues are being discussed with both the Facilities Department and the landscape architects.

The back of the Student Union was originally used as a forum space and it is important that it continue with its original intent. There is a need to ensure that proper sound equipment, such as jacks, will be available to utilize this space as designed. The Waugh Sundial was not considered in any of the three options because the plans are still in draft form. Although the architects prefer having the “long line of vision” between the Benton Museum and the Student Union, certain committee members appreciated the “intimacy” in the previous area around the Sundial.

B. Feldman asked if a budget had been established for this project and G. Kraus replied that it was once had a budget of \$3 million, but there are no hard figures now. The money is in Deferred Maintenance. T. Callahan asked if the cost of grading is rolled into the Pharmacy demolition and J. Bradley replied in the negative. Next summer would be the appropriate time to approach grading. B. Stwalley asked if there is rough grading left over from the Student Union project and G. Kraus replied that there is money to seed the area between the fences (around the back of the Student Union), but there is no money for

grading and not enough money left over for the finishing of the quadrangle. T. Callahan clarified the two issues being examined by the Committee: 1. J. Bradley would like direction on which of the three options B&G would recommend and 2. There is no money for rough grading in the current DM budget. It was suggested that the landscape architects come into a future B&G meeting after all necessary input is given. Discussion about this project will take place at the upcoming CPPAC meeting (09.14.06) and there will be a write-up in the Advance so that everyone can be aware that this item will be on the agenda. A brief presentation of the data will be given by the architect(s) at the CPPAC meeting.

**Update on FY '06 and '07 Deferred Maintenance Available Balances/Update on Bid Results for Replacement of Jorgensen Catwalk—**

G. Kraus presented five requests to the committee:

1. Allocation of \$59,000 for the code review and planning of the Jorgensen Auditorium Phase II project. Phase II will focus on issues including seating, risers and lighting. The purpose of this project is to design corrective actions for the remaining discrepancies identified in the latest OSFM report.
2. Allocation of \$35,000 for the design of the Beach Hall Code Review, Cost Estimating and Preliminary Design project. The purpose of this project is to correct fire code discrepancies at Beach Hall.
3. Allocation of \$16,000 for the design of the Pathobiology Code Review, Cost Estimating and Preliminary Design project. The purpose of this project is to correct fire code discrepancies at the Atwater Pathobiology Building.

T. Callahan made a motion to combine all three requests and approve them. The motion was seconded by K. Fox. The vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Allocation of \$54,566 of FY '06 from Unallocated Emergencies for a partial replacement of the Willimantic River Water Transmission Line. This project went over budget because of the daily inspections of the work, due to the close proximity of the current line.

T. Callahan made a motion to approve this request and it was seconded by B. Stwalley. The vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Allocation of \$32,000 for the commencement of the Jorgensen Auditorium Phase I Catwalk Replacement project. The purpose of this project is to design and replace catwalks over the stage area of Jorgensen Auditorium.

J. Saddlemire made a motion to approve this request and it was seconded by K. Fox. The vote to approve was unanimous.

A special meeting of the B&G Committee will take place on Friday, September 8, 2006. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Arjona/Monteith Replacement Project.

The issue of the Rt. 195 corridor needs to be brought to a future agenda of the committee. The meeting concluded at 10:09 a.m.