

**Minutes**  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee**  
**November 10, 2006**  
**9:00-10:00 a.m.**

Present: Lori Aronson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Barry Feldman, Karla Fox, George Kraus, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire, Bill Stwalley, David Woods

Absent: Greg Anderson

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:03am.

**Approval of Minutes from 10.27.06 Meeting—**

On a motion by B. Stwalley and seconded by J. Saddlemire, the 10.27.06 minutes were accepted as circulated.

**Action Item—**

- a. *Well D – Fenton River:* A request was made to increase the allocation of FY 07 Deferred Maintenance Funds from \$85,000 to \$90,000 to renovate Well D in the Fenton River.

The motion to approve this request was made by B. Stwalley and seconded by R. MacKinnon. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Project Updates/Informational Items—**

- a. *Upper Access Level to South Garage:* An e-mail from James Brockman of Macchi Engineers says that leaving the plates in until next spring/summer will not pose a problem, as long as the bolt heads are not ripped off by snow plows.
- b. *North Access Road to McMahon Parking Lot:* A handout provided by G. Kraus (which is archived with these minutes) points out the following: there is no shoulder on the access road; the center line stops at the top of the hill; there is a narrow throat between the access road and the first parking space; and vehicles tend to speed up/down the access road without staying in their designated lane. There are both long- and short-term options to help alleviate these problems: keep the road two opposing lanes; take out the islands to make more room for turning; make the access road one-way (ascending – to accommodate the delivery trucks going to the Co-op); and enforcing strict snow removal procedures. G. Kraus will follow-up with appropriate University officials.
- c. *Whetten Grad Center Entrance Landscaping:* As this area is being studied, it is important to note that a number of buildings surrounding the Grad Center will need access to loading dock(s), including Babbidge Library, ITE and the new Arjona/Monteith Replacement Building. One idea is to have one loading dock for

the Grad Center, Babbidge and the Dodd Center. Earth Tech, an engineering firm, has been asked to study the area. Also, the University will ask the firm that developed the Campus Master Plan to offer a recommendation.

- d. Merritt Building:* Discussion was deferred to a later agenda.
- e. Arjona/Monteith Replacement Building:* The preliminary planning is now in progress. Discussion with faculty and staff at the Psychology Building and the Library have been or soon will be conducted for their input.
- f. Law School Façade Repair:* Whiting Turner has been selected to complete the repair of the exterior. It is estimated that construction will start in March or April of 2007.

A discussion ensued about an article that was published in the Hartford Courant regarding a new basketball practice facility. Co-Chair Feldman asked L. Douglas to try to obtain a copy of the Athletic Master Plan.

The November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled and the proposed December meeting dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50a.m.