

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
March 9, 2007
9:00-10:30am

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

Absent: Greg Anderson, Bill Stwalley

Guests: Alan Abramson, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:03am.

Approval of Minutes from 02.09.07 Meeting—

On a motion by T. Callahan and seconded by K. Fox, the 02.09.07 minutes were approved as circulated.

Project Reallocations & Summaries—

G. Kraus went over the handout titled “Summary of Recommendations to FY 07 DMCL Program – 2/23 and 3/9/07 B&G Meeting”. A discussion ensued about the items on the handout. Other pending projects that the committee should be aware of include: the South Garage Slope, wiring at the West Hartford Campus, and demolition of the old Fraternity/Sorority housing on Gilbert Road.

Q: Where will the Waugh Sundial be moved? Approximate timeline? A: Because of utilities in the center of the circle (outside of Gulley Hall), the sundial can not be placed there. The sundial will go back on the list for 08-09.

Action Items—

The following list of action items were presented at the meeting:

- a. North Eagleville Road Signage
- b. Sewage Lift Station at the Police Station
- c. Family Studies Elevator
- d. Nayden Clinic Renovation
- e. Wilbur Cross Façade Repair
- f. Hawley Armory Repairs
- g. Gant Roof & Parapets (Design Only)
- h. Gulley Hall Roof
- i. School of Social Work Boilers
- j. Gampel Pavilion Roof Studies
- k. Bar Removal System at Sewage Treatment Plant
- l. Clearwater Pump at Fenton Well Field
- m. Jorgensen Rigging Replacement

Q: Family Studies Elevator – what are we recommending? A: That the elevator needs to be replaced. The elevator that is there now does not meet any requirements and they can not put a new elevator in the existing shaft. Right now, they are narrowing down the options.

T. Callahan explained that the sewage lift station is an old piece of equipment that is no longer made. There are also no further spare parts, as the manufacturer is out of business. It is important that the lift is replaced right now.

He also explained that one of the clearwater pumps on the Fenton River has failed. These pumps move water from the Fenton River to the blue tanks on campus.

A motion was made by T. Callahan to approve all projects (A-M) listed on the printed agenda. The motion was seconded by J. Saddlemire and the action items were unanimously approved.

Follow-up: Facilities Operations Presentation—

T. Callahan reported that this plan has been shared with members of the University community and that they would like to have it in place by July 1, 2007. He expressed interest in sharing the presentation with the Senate Executive Committee and the Council of Deans. D. Woods said that he took the plan to the Fine Arts Executive Council and it was very well received.

Project Updates—

- a. New Classroom Building—The first meeting of the core committee for this building is coming up. The major delivery issue still stands and the importance of reducing pedestrian-vehicular conflict is still at the very forefront of this project. The next step is to hire a construction manager.
- b. SU Quad—J. Saddlemire said that conversations will return to a form area (“free speech” area) and asked if putting together a small sub-committee would be helpful. A discussion ensued about a “free speech area” and a sub-committee was formed with the following members: Ron Schurin, John Saddlemire, and Cameron Faustman. The committee will just discuss the free speech area.
- c. Project Initiation Form/Sheet: G. Kraus and J. Bradley are working with different groups that have projects that may/may not fall into jurisdiction of A&ES or other offices. They would like to start to set-up a process where there is a sheet that travels with a project from start to finish. Right now, they are using projects that have a \$50,000 threshold.
Q: Will this form be hardcopy or electronic? A: This has not yet been determined.
- d. T. Callahan will convene a sub-committee to look at the Sherman Complex.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.