

**Minutes**  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee**  
**May 4, 2007**  
**9:00-10:30 a.m.**

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

Absent: Jim Bradley

Guests: Alan Abramson, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:03 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes from 04.20.07 Meeting—**

On a motion by J. Saddlemire and seconded by W. Stwalley, the 04.20.07 minutes were approved as circulated.

**Action/Information Items—**

- a. *Fire Code Corrective Action Plan:* The scope of this project is to retain an architect to review the cited code discrepancies as cited in the OSFM reports. After reviewing the cited code discrepancies building by building, a written report will contain recommended solutions and order-of-magnitude estimates to remediate each discrepancy noted. This allocation will not resolve the issues – instead it will allow the Fire Marshall, together with representatives from A&ES and Facilities Operations, to identify all code issues. It was recommended that the B&G Committee approve the allocation of \$250,000 from the FY '07 DM Code/ADA account.  
A motion to approve the allocation of \$250,000 from the FY '07 DM Code/ADA account was made by T. Callahan and seconded by B. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.
  
- b. *Torrey Life Sciences Code Correction:* There are several code issues that must be corrected in TLS. The purpose of this request is to initially fund a study and design for the code correction items and related items.  
A motion to approve the allocation of \$20,000 from the FY '07 DM Code/ADA account was made by T. Callahan and seconded by B. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.
  
- c. *Emergency Repair – Stamford Garage:* This item is to notify the B&G Committee that a project has been initiated to repair structural systems of the garage as the result of severe flooding. There is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century UConn named project for repairs to this garage and funding for the repairs will be drawn from this account. Phase I of this project will include stabilization of the garage and Phase II will correct the problems. For example, during Phase II, a new column to help support the garage will be put in (not near the

river) and footing installation. Because this was an informational item, no motion for action was necessary.

- d. *Partial Renovation – HBH Building 4 for CESE*: This item is to notify the B&G Committee that a project has been initiated for HVAC modifications, electrical installations and wall installation in HBH Building 4. The estimated cost for this project is \$60,700. The project will be accomplished by Academic Renovations in support of the relocation of CESE functions from Longley School to the Bio 4 Building. This project is funded by CESE operating funds and will not impact DM allocations. The B&G policy is to approve all projects estimated to cost over \$50,000. It was recommended that the B&G Committee approve this project.

A motion was never made to approve/reject this project at the 05.04.07 meeting, so an e-mail notification mentioning this was sent to all committee members. There were no questions or concerns about this action item, so the item was approved by default.

A discussion ensued about the names of buildings and the temporary buildings located near the Student Union Quadrangle area.

#### **Science/Technology Neighborhood Update—**

The Master Planners and campus administrators have worked together to develop a plan where all departments involved would move just once, there would be no need for swing space and there would be no need to renovate the same area twice. It is important to remember that all square footage numbers and possible costs need to be worked out. Here are the general highlights of the plan:

1. Start with renovations on the Old Warehouse. This space would be converted into offices and classrooms and up to two additional floors could be added. Mathematics and UITS would then move into the building making it the permanent home for these departments. At the same time, construction on a new building would begin (building would be located behind the current Torrey Life Sciences Building).

2. Renovate the South wing of Gant – Move Physics Dept. out of the West wing into the South wing.

3. Renovate the West wing of Gant – Move IMS out of the North wing into the West wing.

4. Renovate the North wing of Gant – Move Bio. Instructional Labs out of Torrey into either the North wing of Gant OR into a newly built building which would be placed slightly behind where the current Torrey Building stands.

5. Demolish Torrey – Move EEB into either the North wing of Gant OR into the newly built building which would be placed slightly behind where the current Torrey Building stands.

Also, if this plan is successful, space in the Bronwell Building could be returned to Engineering and/or the Engineering II building could be renovated.

R. MacKinnon has met with all Department Heads involved. B. Stwalley commented that he feels the Department Heads would be supportive of this plan because it only involves one

move for each Department. He added that it is important for all involved with the planning for this Neighborhood remember that a lot of basement space in Gant is now being used.

Q: At the end of all of these [proposed] renovations, would the current TLS Building be gone?

A: Yes, preliminary reports have shown that Torrey is “terminal”.

Q: What is the timeline for these renovations to get underway?

A: The plan is to begin in FY '08.

Q: When would the Old Warehouse need to be vacated?

A: FY '09, because that is when [they are hoping] construction will begin.

### **Master Planning & Waste Water Facility—**

T. Callahan presented the findings of a study on the water and waste water infrastructure. The study identified deficiencies, quantified demands and the capabilities to meet them, evaluated the regulatory framework of existing and future operations, assessed environmental issues and concerns and developed recommendations for improvements.

There being no further items on the agenda or new business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.