

Minutes
Buildings and Grounds Committee
May 18, 2007
9:00-10:30a.m.

Present: Greg Anderson, Lori Aronson, Jim Bradley, Tom Callahan, Barry Feldman, Karla Fox, Ross MacKinnon, Peter Nicholls, John Saddlemire

Absent: George Kraus, Bill Stwalley, David Woods

Guests: Alan Abramson, Architectural & Engineering Services

Staff: Lauren Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:05am.

Approval of Minutes from 05.04.07 Meeting—

There was one change to the 05.04.07 minutes presented by G. Anderson. Contingent upon that change being made, T. Callahan made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by R. MacKinnon.

Action/Information Items—

- a. *Fuel Cell Installation Support:* The School of Engineering is requesting \$9,000 to fund the installation of flammable gas detection systems into the fire alarm panel (includes UConn project management costs). This system is needed to detect any hydrogen gas presence in the fuel cell area. It was recommended that the B&G approve the allocation of \$9,000 for the installation of the hydrogen gas detection system from the emergency reserve.
A motion to approve this request was made by T. Callahan and seconded by G. Anderson. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- b. *Slope Failure Design & Analysis:* Architectural & Engineering Services has obtained a price of \$20,000 to accomplish a review of the slope area on the south side of the South Parking Garage and the area east of the slope where new distress has been observed. There is \$12,800 left available in this project budget, so an additional \$7,200 needs to be allocated.
Q: Has the scope of the work been expanded to include the slope behind the Burton/Shenkman Complex? A: J. Bradley will notify the group if that area is not included in this project.
K. Fox commented that this project should no longer be referred to as “slope failure”, but rather as “slope stabilization”.
A motion to approve the additional \$7,200 for the analysis and design of the “slope failure” project from the remaining FY '06 funding was made by G. Anderson and seconded by P. Nicholls. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- c. *Family Studies Elevator Replacement:* The proposed solution to replace the Family Studies elevator is to construct the elevator in a new exterior addition to the building. Proposals have been received for the design and construction administration for this project and the best proposal came from Moser Pilon Nelson in the amount of \$59,500. There is still \$8,000 remaining from the original allocation. It has been recommended that the B&G Committee approve the allocation of \$51,500 for the design and construction administration of the elevator addition at the Family Studies Building from the remaining FY '06 funding.
Q: Does this take any space in the Family Studies Building at all? A: No. All current offices will stay intact.
Q: The recommended action suggests using funds from FY '06. Is this correct (or could this be a typographical error)? A: Yes, FY '06 is correct.

Q: Is this a new allocation? A: Yes. Design money is coming out of FY '06 and the actual project budget will come out of FY '08.

A motion to approve the allocation of \$51,500 for the design and construction administration of the FS Elevator was made by J. Bradley and seconded by J. Saddlemire. The motion was unanimously approved.

- d. *Renovation of Unoccupied Space in the Student Union for Offices & Game Room:* Because the area reserved for a centralized mail room in the Student Union is no longer needed (for that purpose), it has been proposed that it be used for new offices and a game room. The scope of this project will include HVAC modifications, walls, flooring and electrical work. The project will be designed by A&ES and reviewed and approved by appropriate code officials. The project is estimated to cost \$165,000 and will be funded by Student Affairs Operating funds. It was recommended that the B&G Committee approve this project.

A motion to approve this project was made by G. Anderson and seconded by J. Bradley. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Preliminary FY '08 DM Budget—

J. Bradley briefed the group on the preliminary FY '08 DM Budget, making sure the committee members know that this is still a draft capital projects list. The list is driven by building code needs.

Q: Is this the last item of the Landfill Closure Project? A: Yes.

Q: Does Student Affairs have a comparable list? A: Yes. Their biggest DM issue is the windows in the residential life buildings (dorms).

It was suggested that T. Callahan, J. Bradley, G. Kraus, J. Saddlemire/S. Miller, Ken Crowell and Jeff Hathaway/Vaughn Williams get together to discuss Student Affairs issues.

Other Business—

K. Fox suggested that the B&G Committee needs to obtain more data on where the University is going to be at the end of UCONN 2000. B. Feldman asked her to take her thoughts back to the Senate Executive Council and clarify the question. Then, when she brings it back to B&G, the committee will attempt to answer it.

J. Saddlemire asked if there is going to be a change in the B&G meeting schedule for the summer months.

L. Douglas will poll the group to find a common time that works well for all members.

J. Saddlemire pointed out that there is a group of students who are interested in finding a way for the "rape trail" (path to Celeron) to be renamed. The path is located on University property and as soon as Lot C opens, it will become more heavily traveled. T. Callahan suggested that appropriate representatives from Student Affairs should meet with Jim Pietrzak, J. Bradley and Chief Hudd to gather information and see what options there are for the trail. It was suggested that funds left over from the Landfill Lot project could be used toward this path. Kristin Schwab and her Landscape Architecture students are interested in the "greening and cleaning" of this area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.