

**Minutes**  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**9:00-10:30am**

Present: L. Aronson, T. Callahan, B. Feldman, K. Fox, G. Kraus, R. MacKinnon, A. Roe  
J. Saddlemire, S. Singha, W. Stwalley  
Absent: G. Anderson, J. Bradley, P. Nicholls, D. Woods  
Guests: R. Hudd, B. Patel  
Notetaker: L. Douglas

The meeting commenced at 9:00am.

**Approval of Minutes from 05.30.08 Meeting—**

J. Saddlemire made a motion to approve the minutes from the 05.30.08 meeting as circulated. W. Stwalley seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously accepted.

**Action Items—**

*a. HBH Building 4 – Instructional Design & Development Renovations:* During the execution of this project, Academic Renovations identified additional asbestos containing material that requires abatement. The amount estimated for this is \$17,500 and the asbestos must be removed in order to complete the project. It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase in the project budget for the HBH Building 4 Renovation to \$103,000. AES recommends that the \$17,500 be allocated from FY 07 Emergency Reserve.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by K. Fox and seconded by W. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*b. Depot Campus – Code Fire Alarm Sprinklers in Cottages:* Subsequent work has identified the need for additional funding related to asbestos identification, project management and architectural services. It was recommended that the B&G approve an increase of \$15,000 in the project budget for the Fine Arts Project Code Correction from FY 08 Emergency Reserve. This will bring the current project budget to \$50,000.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by W. Stwalley. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*c. MCB Faculty Support (August Arrival):* This project requests DM Funding to support the remodeling work in Beach Hall for an incoming faculty member who is scheduled to arrive in August 2008. This specific request is for \$100,000 in DM funding. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget for the renovations required to relocate one faculty member in the Beach Building. The total project cost is estimated at \$300,000 of which \$100,000 will be allocated from FY 08 DM Emergency Reserve.

A motion to approve the recommended action and to find out whether or not we need further Board of Trustees approval by checking with Academic Renovations and Bruce DeTora was made by W. Stwalley and seconded by T. Callahan. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*d. MCB Faculty Support (January Arrival):* This project requests DM Funding to support the remodeling work in Beach Hall for an incoming faculty member who is scheduled to arrive in January 2009. A. Roe and G. Kraus will check with Academic Renovations on the

on the timeframe for the work on this project. K. Fox made a motion to table this item and W. Stwalley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*e. Repairs to Existing Hazardous Waste Storage Facility):* The purpose of this project is to replace the four Land-Sea containers with two re-locatable units specifically designed for the handling of hazardous wastes and two new Land-Sea storage containers. The total project cost is estimated at \$145,000, which includes associated site work related to the units and access improvements. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget for the interim repairs to the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility. The total project cost is estimated at \$145,000, which will come from FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by K. Fox. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*f. Mobile Command Center Garage (MCCG):* The Dept. of Public and Environmental Safety has requested funding for the construction of a garage for housing the new Mobile Command Center. The vehicle is on order and the building will be needed prior to the winter season. The cost estimate for the building is \$100,000. Will the building require heat, electric and water and will the \$100,000 cover these? Yes, the utilities are included. It was recommended that the B&G approve a project budget for the construction of the Mobile Command Center Garage. The total project cost is \$100,000 and funds will come from FY 08 Emergency Reserve.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by J. Saddlemire. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*g. Renovations to Ryan Hall:* This request is for the Dept. of Residential Life and the Center for Public Health and Health Policy to create an office in the Ryan Refectory for use by the Husky Nutrition, Husky READS and Husky Sport Programs. The project will be constructed by the Dept. of Residential Life with design assistance from AES. The estimated cost is \$60,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve the project, which will be funded entirely by Departmental Operating funds and will not impact available DM funding.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by W. Stwalley and seconded by K. Fox. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*h. Sidewalk Repair – Northwood Apartments:* The Dept. of Residential Life proposes to repair sidewalks at the Northwood Apartment Complex. These sidewalks have deteriorated and need to be replaced for the overall safety and accessibility of the residential complex. The work will be accomplished by University Contractors and has been estimated at \$120,000. It was recommended that the B&G approve this project, which will be funded entirely by Departmental Operating funds and will not impact available DM funding.

A motion to approve the recommended action was made by T. Callahan and seconded by J. Saddlemire. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*i. Proposed UConn Veterans Memorial:* T. Callahan updated the group on the plans for the proposed UConn Veterans Memorial, now called “The Ultimate Sacrifice” Memorial. The proposed location is adjacent to the walkway of the great lawn and facing the Wilber Cross Library steps. This location will not affect the Ooze ball courts. Plans for the Memorial include an “Eternal Flame”, an Arlington-style grave marker, a granite plaque, a small patio area surrounding the base of the Memorial and landscaping.

A motion to approve the plans for “The Ultimate Sacrifice” Memorial was made by K. Fox and seconded by A. Roe. The motion was unanimously accepted.

### **Other Business—**

Q: Where do requests for space that do not involve money go? A: B. Feldman's suggestion is that an ad hoc committee of S. Singha, G. Kraus and A. Roe be formed to deal with these inquiries. A fourth person should also be added from Student Affairs (ex. Christine Wilson). The ad hoc committee can come back to the B&G Committee if funding and/or renovations are involved in any requests. A periodic activity report from the ad hoc committee to the B&G would also be helpful. J. Saddlemire suggested entering into a written MOU with those whose space requests are granted. A. Roe will follow-up with John Bennett regarding his recent inquiry.

### **Informational Items—**

B. Feldman walked the Committee through the spreadsheet titled "UConn 2000 Phase III (21<sup>st</sup> Century UConn) Preliminary Outline by Fiscal Year – Option G – Revised 06.24.08". The largest reductions in the Original Totals for Phase III were for: the Avery Point Campus, Equipment, Library Collections & Telecommunications and the West Hartford Campus. There have been timing as well as fiscal changes. Discussion ensued about the reductions for the Equipment, Library Collections & Telecommunications project, specifically about how we will handle equipment issues after UConn 2000.

Q: What is the rationale for expanding the Engineering Building and what will it be? A: It may be a combination of new and renovation, or totally renovated or all new. Further discussion ensued about Engineering and the Mansfield Training School.

Q: Why is Parking Garage # 3 still listed? A: We do not have the authority to remove a project.

Q: What are the plans for the Old Central Warehouse? A: The thinking has changed for this space. Discussion ensued about: the Gant Building Renovations Project, the role of the B&G Committee, Arjona/Monteith and their replacements and the possibility of B&G Retreats.

Q: Is the Heart House included in the Historic Home Study? A: Yes. We now have some scale as to what renovations would cost. The report is still in draft form. Discussion ensued regarding the historic homes on campus.

T. Callahan made a motion to endorse the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2009 and K. Fox seconded the motion. L. Aronson, T. Callahan, B. Feldman, K. Fox, G. Kraus, R. MacKinnon, J. Saddlemire, and S. Singha voted in favor of the motion. W. Stwalley opposed the motion on the grounds that he does not yet understand the Plan.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.