



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, March 28, 2013
3-07 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Ex-Officio Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Hugh Warren (delegate)	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Naseeb Adnan	Ex-Officio Member, Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Andy Cheema	Ex-Officio Member (Delegate), Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
Debbie Feisst	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Erasmus Okine	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Elected Member, Support Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Loren Kline	Appointed Member, Academic Staff, Cross-Representative from GFC APC
Elisabeth Le	Elected Member, Academic Staff

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Observer
Bernie Kessels	Member (Delegate), Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Observer

Presenter(s):

Peter Alexander	Associate Director, Campus Planning and Architecture
Emily Ball	Community Relations Officer
Ben Louie	University Architect and Director, Office of the University Architect
Hugh Warren	Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

Staff:

Garry Bodnar	Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Emily Paulsen	Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A typographical error was noted.

Motion: Kline/O'Byrne

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 28, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Le/Kline

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of February 28, 2013.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of items of interest to members, including the University's effort to relay as much information as possible to the public regarding its recent budget issues and the recent ceremony associated with the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Awards, several of which served to recognize members currently serving on GFC FDC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Sector Plans 7 and 8 (Long Range Development Plan (LRDP))

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect and Director, Office of the University Architect; Peter Alexander, Associate Director, Campus Planning and Architecture; Emily Ball, Community Relations Officer, Government and University Relations

Purpose of the Proposal: These documents provide the next level of detail for campus planning and are informed by the current Long Range Development Plans and community and continued consultations since 2002.

Discussion:

Sector planning, as Mr Louie explained, is a process that is a derivative of the University's Long Range Development Planning (LRDP), with many purposes including the identification of campus characteristics and the articulation of a unified, integrated, attractive, and memorable campus. Additionally, sector planning serves to determine if individual development or redevelopment projects are consistent with the direction and guidelines provided in the LRDP. The plans presented by Mr Louie focused on Sectors 7 and 8, allocated in the eastern section of North Campus. Feedback from the neighbouring Garneau community, accumulated during numerous focus groups and consultations, has been influential in the amendments of these sector plans. Future planning now follows carefully an overarching design guideline, produced from these sessions.

Sector 8 will be primarily concerned with residential enhancements with an effort to minimize vehicular access to enhance a pedestrian experience. It was noted that one of the most sensitive aspects about Sector 8 was the preservation plan to respect heritage landmarks in the region.

Throughout the presentation, "neighbourhood" and "social history" were emphasized as important elements

of planning for campus and its neighbouring communities.

The Chair thanked the presenters for their thorough presentation.

During the ensuing discussion, members provided questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: the integration of new bike paths with existing ones, especially those managed by the city; preserving mature trees and the planting of new trees along avenues; the Garneau community's interest in the concept of "social history" and their desire to elaborate on and define what this means; acknowledgment of historic families and neighbourhoods with signage; the continued work on finding appropriate parking for the area; the city's particular interest in development plans as they pertain to emergency procedures; the effect that these plans have on surrounding buildings, including a possible increase in traffic flow; ensuring safety when pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles meet in dense areas; and noting that buildings are most successful when they have four entrances but that there is a need to acknowledge space for business flow (such as garbage removal).

5. Universiade Pavilion Renewal of Exterior Cladding

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Hugh Warren, Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

Purpose of the Proposal: To update members of GFC FDC on the exterior cladding of the Universiade Pavilion.

Discussion:

Mr Warren explained to members that the Universiade Pavilion renewal is a project that has been deferred because of the significant cuts to the budget. The renewal of the exterior of the building was originally to fix flaking panels but, upon further inspection, it was discovered that there are significant rust problems due to improper installation, resulting in an increase in the projected budget. Another major issue is that due to the curvature of the building's roof, there is a safety hazard for snow falling onto the sidewalk. Mr Warren provided a series of renderings of the proposed renewal and asked for members' feedback. It was noted that green and gold would be themes, as well as maintaining some resemblance to the iconic "Butterdome."

During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: the incorporation of more windows in the new model but maintaining the privacy of training athletes; the varying nature of the project's renderings and members' preferences; and ensuring that the new design will be complementary with the new Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre.

6. Projects Update from the Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

There were no documents.

Presenter: Ben Louie, University Architect and Director, Office of the University Architect

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Mr Louie gave the following updates:

- On the amendment to the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for South Campus, the last Community Open House was held on March 14, 2013. The event was jointly hosted by University

Relations and members of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC) who represent their communities in the South Campus Consultation Group (SCCG) (a working group that has worked closely with the University over the past two years). The Open House was well attended and well received. University Relations is collecting feedback from the communities up to April 4, 2013. The final plan and report will be submitted to GFC FDC in April for recommendation to the Board of Governors for its approval in May, 2013.

- The Design Development Report for the Students' Union Building (SUB) basement renovations and additions, including resolution of site constructability issues, is being completed for submission to GFC FDC for approval in April, 2013.
- On the proposed 300 bed addition to St. Joseph's College, an affiliated college with University of Alberta students: the College asked Facilities and Operations for advice on programming, siting, building massing, project costing, and design perimeters. A 'design/build' tender package, with concept massing and performance specifications, is being developed. Material for the tender package will be presented to GFC FDC for discussion and comments in April, 2013.
- Signage guidelines and design standards are being completed and will be submitted to GFC FDC for approval in May, 2013.
- North Power Plant concept design is 90% complete (following visioning and programming charette). It will be presented to GFC FDC for discussion in May, 2013.
- Repurposing of the Dentistry-Pharmacy Building – Design Development for Core and Shell – will most likely be submitted to GFC FDC for approval in June, 2013.
- Preliminary programming, siting, building massing, and project costing are being developed for a 'Leadership College' (residential residence with academic and congregating space), located between Saskatchewan Drive and 90 Avenue, east of 112 Street.
- Construction projects in progress: Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) Building; 89 Avenue Student Residences; Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre (landscape design to GFC FDC in May, 2013); the pedway connecting Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA), Kaye Edmonton Clinic, the Health Science LRT station and Walter C MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre; Medical Isotope and Cyclotron Facility (substantially complete and the commissioning of the cyclotron is in progress).

7. Question Period

Members discussed the signage and the ability for emergency workers to find their way around campus.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

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