



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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General Faculties Council  
Facilities Development Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2013  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Ex-Officio Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Don Hickey	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Josh Le	Ex-Officio Member (Delegate), Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
Monty Bal	Ex-Officio Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Elected Member, Support Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Elected Member, Academic Staff
Loren Kline	Elected Member, Academic Staff, Cross-Representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)

#### Non-Voting Members:

Bart Becker	Member, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect

#### Presenter(s):

Peter Alexander	Associate Director, Campus Planning and Architecture, Planning and Project Delivery, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Lorna Baker-Perri	Associate Director, Accommodation Planning and Programming, Planning and Project Delivery, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Bart Becker	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Allen Berger	Dean, Augustana Campus
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Ben Louie	University Architect, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Peter Osborne	Partner, GEC Architecture
Colleen Skidmore	Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

#### Staff:

Garry Bodnar, Coordinator and Scribe, GFC Facilities Development Committee

### **OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Profetto-McGrath/O'Byrne

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of August 29, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Hickey/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of August 29, 2013.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

There were no comments.

3.1 Comments from the University Secretary for the New Academic Year

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

*Discussion:*

Ms Haggarty-France welcomed all to the new academic year and thanked members for their continued hard work and time spent considering the items that come before the Committee; she added that the proposals emanating from the GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC) have a positive impact at and on the University of Alberta. She reminded members to reference the University Governance website for meeting material and information specific to GFC FDC, including an orientation manual. She thanked Mr Bodnar for his continuing work coordinating GFC FDC.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Functional Program - Founders' Hall, Augustana Campus

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Allen Berger, Dean, Augustana Campus; Lorna Baker-Perri, Associate Director, Accommodation Planning and Programming, Planning and Project Delivery, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Peter Osborne, Partner, GEC Architecture

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To seek approval of the Functional Program for Founders' Hall, Augustana Campus, as the basis for further planning and design.

*Discussion:*

Ms Baker-Perr introduced the item to members by addressing the overall context for this Functional Program. In turn, Dean Berger spoke to the history of Augustana Campus' Founders' Hall and its centrality to this campus; its iconic nature, both on campus and off; and the firm expectation that the renewal of this facility will hold it in good stead for the next 100 years, providing a focal point of value for Augustana Campus' future students, staff, and alumni.

Dr Berger continued by speaking to the role of the building on campus and the manner in which it provides meaningful connections and interactions for stakeholders. It serves, he noted, to welcome alumni to the campus and, in addition, retains a number of key academic functions year round that serve a wide range of individuals. He stated the Hall is viewed as Augustana Campus' "living room," a multi-purpose building at the heart of this campus.

Mr Osborne then, by means of PowerPoint presentation, presented key points associated with the Functional Program that included: the Program's objectives; its purpose and scope; the site context for Founders' Hall; the Program's methodology, priorities, guidelines, and planning criteria; its occupancy (the 'clusters' of functions within the building and the recommended space allocations *per* unit); and the 'block and stack' plans for the facility by floor.

During the ensuing discussion, members provided questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: clarification on the future deployment of the Hall's research-designated spaces; clarification on accessibility to and within the building, particularly in relation to the Hall's fourth floor; the use of natural light throughout the building; the importance of the conceptualization of the space to assist students and to recognize the significance of the functions provided in this facility; queries regarding possible issues and problems with the current space available in the Hall; and commentary that the students of Augustana Faculty were very supportive of this initiative.

Motion: Profetto-McGrath/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Faculties Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the Functional Program – Founders' Hall, Augustana Campus, as set forth in Attachment 2, as the basis for further planning and design.

**CARRIED**

The Chair suggested that, at some point in the Spring of 2014, it might be helpful for GFC FDC to take a 'field trip' out to Augustana Campus. In response to this suggestion, Dean Berger noted the Committee would be more than welcome to spend time on the Campus.

5. Landscape Plan for the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To seek GFC FDC's approval for the landscape plans for the Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre so that it may be tendered and constructed by the project general contractor.

*Discussion:*

The Landscape Plan for the PAW Centre was introduced to members by Mr Louie. With the aid of a

PowerPoint presentation, he spoke to the nature of this project, noting that it allows not only for the landscaping around the Centre but, in larger sense, landscaping for the North Campus. He continued by speaking to the challenges and opportunities this plan presented and addressing the landscaping palettes and ingredients that go into the University's North Campus, thereby enhancing experiences throughout all four seasons. Mr Louie further addressed this project by speaking to: campus open space and landscaping goals; its objectives and deliverables; and illustrations representing this space when completed.

Mr Le complemented the presentation by addressing the integration of the PAW Centre landscaping with that contemplated for the planned expansion of the Students' Union Building (SUB).

During the ensuing discussion, members provided questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: clarification on the timelines associated with this project; queries as to what this space will look like in the winter, particularly given that the Centre, when completed, will undoubtedly attribute iconic status to the corner of 87 Avenue and 114 Street; the ways in which budgetary restraints inform the nature of the landscaping carried out in this area; the type(s) of outside lighting to be used on and around the Centre; an expression of appreciation for the eloquence of Mr Louie's presentation of this Plan; how the PAW Centre and its landscaping will interface with the Universiade Pavilion; and clarification on how people on the street would be able to view those working out in the fitness facilities inside the PAW Centre.

Motion: Kline/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre Landscaping Design Development, set forth in Attachments 2 and 3, as the basis for further development of design documents.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6. Exterior Signage Guidelines and Standards

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Peter Alexander, Associate Director, Campus Planning and Architecture, Planning and Project Delivery, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations

*Purpose of the Proposal:* Signage Guidelines and Standards will provide a framework that will aid in maintaining consistency and standards for campus signage and provide the campus community a context for inter-related activities. This will ensure that the University maintains a connected and cohesive theme for an extensive range of internal and external signage program that is integrated throughout our campuses and buildings.

#### *Discussion:*

Mr Louie briefly introduced this item to members and then turned the presentation over to his colleague, Mr Alexander. Mr Alexander, aided by a PowerPoint presentation, spoke to: the history associated with signage on the University's campuses; the documentation that was before members on this occasion and what it encompasses; and the manner in which the guidelines and standards were developed in consultation with University Relations and other key stakeholders. Further, he commented on the project's

background; the purpose of the guidelines and standards and their scope and coverage; the actual content of these guidelines and standards; the variety and types of signs deployed by the University of Alberta; the manner in which signs were situated; the terminology and language utilized; and illustrations of a wide variety of signs currently set out across the University's campuses.

During the ensuing discussion, members provided questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: clarification on whether long-standing existing signs at the University would be replaced to meet the new guidelines and standards (Mr Alexander responded that this would not be the case); and whether or not it made sense to deploy differently-coloured zones to indicate varying locations across the North Campus.

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

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Bart Becker

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For discussion/information.

*Discussion:*

Mr Becker provided an update to members, which included the following items:

- Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE): the building's cladding has been removed, and a new contractor for this project is in place; the fit-up project is now going to tendering.
- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre: this project is on schedule and moving along accordingly.
- Balmoral Centre: commissioning of this facility continues; the landscaping is complete; and the facility was recently subjected to some vandalism.
- Students' Union Building (SUB): renovations for this building are in abeyance until the funding for this project is firmly in place; planning on the landscaping to be put in place for this renovated facility continues.
- North Campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) is still under review, with consultation continuing to occur.
- Campus Open Spaces Master Plan: consultation and work on the Plan continues.
- Michener Park Redevelopment: community consultation continues.
- Women's Residence at Saint Joseph's College: this project will come back to GFC FDC at some point in the medium future.
- East Campus Village (ECV) Phase III: community consultation on five-year redevelopment plans continues.

#### 8. Question Period

A member enquired about the status of the EcoHouse project.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

There were no items.

#### 10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.