



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, November 26, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair
Elisabeth Le	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff
Debbie Feisst	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Suzanne Poirier	Member, Support Staff
Fahim Rahman	Member, Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Alireza Talaei	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Resource
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource

Presenter(s):

Ben Louie	University Architect
Gerald Beasley	Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian
Nancy McDonald	Senior Principal, Stantec
Kelly Hopkin	Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect
Janet Koshuta	Principal, HFKS Architecture
Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)
Lorna Baker-Perri	Director of Space Management, Office of the University Architect
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary, University Governance, University of Alberta
Andrea Patrick	Assistant Secretary to GFC and Coordinator, GFC FDC

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC

Motion: Le/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of July 30, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, FDC

Motion: Hickey/Feisst

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of July 30, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of relevant items to members and invited members to introduce themselves. She noted that the Agenda has been reorganized so that Committee Orientation can occur before the Action item. She reported that Committee member Dr Loren Kline had been injured in a fall and noted that a message would be sent to him on behalf of members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Welcome and Committee Overview by the University Secretary

There were no documents.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary; Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC FDC

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide members of GFC FDC with an orientation on the Committee mandate.

Discussion:

University Secretary Marion Haggarty-France welcomed all to the new academic year and reminded members to reference the GFC FDC Orientation Manual on the University Governance website. She also pointed out the authority of the Committee based on the *Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)*, which delegates powers to GFC to make recommendations to the Board of Governors on a “building program”, “the support and maintenance of the university”, “the betterment of existing buildings”, and “the construction of any new buildings the board considers necessary to the purposes of the university”. She thanked members for their dedicated service to the academy.

Committee Coordinator Andrea Patrick provided members with specific information on the mandate of GFC FDC, including specific delegations from GFC to GFC FDC in regards to the approval of general space programmes for academic units, as well as GFC FDC’s interaction with the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) and the Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) in regards to policy matters.

She reported that the budget of these projects as well as site selections are outside of the mandate of the Committee.

5. Capital Projects Planning Process

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie, University Architect; Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations); Lorna Baker-Perri, Director of Space Management, Office of the University Architect

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Associate Vice-President (Planning and Project Delivery), Pat Jansen, reported to members that this presentation adds an additional layer of information in regards to the spectrum of capital projects planning at the University of Alberta.

University Architect, Ben Louie, presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing various campus planning documents including the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and Sector Plans. He provided an overview of Business Cases.

Ms Lorna Baker-Perri provided members with a summary of programming; how campus space is designed to support the academic mission, and informed members of the contents of general programs and functional programs. She outlined the Capital Projects process, including a governance flow chart for projects.

During the discussion in relation to this item, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: commendation for the governance flow chart and the presentation; clarification surrounding the decision to cease consultation following occupancy of new buildings; whether campus statues fall under the mandate of GFC FDC; how feedback from tenants is gathered; a suggestion for Pat Jansen to provide post-occupancy review feedback to members during his monthly update to GFC FDC.

The Chair thanked members for their discussion.

6. Sector 12 – Campus Planning and Design Guidelines for Implementation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie, University Architect; Nancy McDonald, Senior Principal, Stantec

Purpose of the Proposal: Sector 12 - Campus Planning and Design Guidelines for Implementation outlines the strategy for the execution of the University of Alberta's South Campus Sectors Plan. This document provides guidelines and analysis tools that will support the university in implementation of campus development on an ongoing basis.

Discussion:

Mr Louie began his presentation by noting that this item has been in development for over a year, and that although it is not a Sector Plan, it is an important item, as it relates to the engagement and involvement of neighbors in the area, ensuring that there are clear design guidelines for development.

Ms McDonald, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, reported on the objectives of this project, emphasizing that the intent was to create a tool to assist the development of the South Campus area over the long term. Mr Louie noted that the design guidelines are a way to support spaces on the campuses which can foster campus life, and that the end product is meant to be a nice, welcoming space for students, staff and community members.

Members, during the discussion surrounding this item, provided a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification about the intended scope of South Campus, and specifically, whether it will be a destination, or just land to go through; clarification about pedestrian roads planned for the area; whether the maps accurately portray service vehicle access to the back of house area; how the height of a story is determined; that the area is already very congested with traffic, and that there needs to be considerable planning around travelers in the area, mass transit users, and those attempting to access the large facilities in the area; that the proposed parking lot is far away from the Saville Community Sport Centre; that having a walkable campus is important; that this design encourages future innovation in the area around attitudes about transportation; whether the guidelines pertain to all of South Campus; whether there is a Sector Plan for the remainder of South Campus; that the slide with the purple legend is confusing in terms of space planning.

The Chair thanked members for the discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Research and Collections Resource Facility (RCRF): Schematic Design Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian; Kelly Hopkin, Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect; Janet Koshuta, Principal, HFKS Architecture; Ben Louie, University Architect

Purpose of the Proposal: To obtain approval for the schematic design report for RCRF; a new, purpose-built facility on South Campus. The facility will provide the required process and high-density storage capacity including expansion space for archival and library collections in an environmentally appropriate climate.

Discussion:

Mr Hopkin introduced himself and Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian Gerald Beasley.

Mr Beasley reported that this project continues to progress nicely, and that he has been pleased with the design/build process. He noted that there have been numerous planning meetings between Libraries, consultants, and Facilities and Operations in regards to this facility, and that the process has been rewarding and collaborative, and that with this amount of input, that the functionality of the building has been maximized. He reported that the next step will be to consult with academic staff members to obtain feedback about the consultation and collaboration room planned for the facility.

Mr Hopkin, using a PowerPoint presentation, provided members with additional information in relation to this project, including project goals, deliverables, objectives, district specific design guidelines, site options, site plans, design principles, materiality, community engagement and milestone scheduling.

Members, during the discussion in regards to this item, expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: that the renderings showing placement of the building look appealing;

commendation for this project; whether the entrance of the facility could be closer to the LRT station; clarification regarding the intent of the collaboration room and whether there is flexibility to change the room if needed in the future; whether there are plans for landscaping west of the building; a suggestion to use the natural beauty of the area in the landscaping; that the facility is impressive; concerns regarding pedestrian access to the building; that clear signage will be needed for pedestrians attempting to access the building; that the conditions of the area are bleak and windswept, and that the road would require a sidewalk for pedestrians; that pedestrians in the area would be forced to walk on the road, which is dangerous; whether there could be a foot bridge over the ditch in the area, to facilitate safe walking areas; clarification about the number of staff members in the facility; that the building makes sense within the context of the entire area, and that there will be many more translational problems identified as it is built, in regards to access to the building; clarification of when the exterior finishes of the facility will be available to members.

The Chair noted that making the University of Alberta a pedestrian friendly campus spans more than this particular issue, and thanked members for their commentary on the proposal.

Motion: Hickey/Shields

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 Research and Collections and Resource Facility (RCRF) – Schematic Design Report (as set forth in Attachment 2) as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with an update in regards to several current project underway at the University of Alberta.

In Build Form:

Clinical Sciences: Floor by floor refresh and renewal including mechanical upgrades and finishes within select areas – per approved block and stack plan. All work is on schedule and will extend out through to the end of 2016.

St Joseph's Women's Residence and ECV Infills: Both buildings turned over and in operation. No further reporting.

SUB: Facility turned over and in operation, no further reporting.

PLH: Construction is well underway with building structure nearing completion – there is a web cam available to track progress. Occupancy planned for early 2017.

ICE – CME: Core and Shell building turned over and now occupied no further reporting.

63rd Road access South Campus: Landscaping design features and entrance signage have been completed. No further reporting.

Augustana Founders Hall: Facility has been completed and turned over – no further reporting.

Augustana Aboriginal Student Commons: Primary construction completed, working on final detailed turn over.

ALES greenhouse redevelopment: Construction underway.

Research Collection and Resource Facility: Presented for Schematic Design approval at today's meeting.

In Development:

Twin Arena: Business Case and program has been advanced to a draft concept phase. City of Edmonton has accepted MOU, developing work plan to advance consultation and planning activities.

Islamic Garden: Moving into construction document phase. Utilities master plan near completion with planned engagement with Alberta Environment ongoing. Sector plan final submission to GFC FDC in early 2016.

Maskwa House of Learning: Designs are advancing to Design Development phase, will bring back to GFC FDC in New Year.

Devonian ECO: No further advancement from the revised Schematic Design submission.

School of Music and Art and Design: Programming activities.

Following this update, Mr Jansen took questions from members of the Committee, including, but not limited to: clarification about the status of unfinished floors in the Donadeo Innovation Centre; clarification about campus road namings; a request for the status of the Maskwa House of Learning; a request for the location of the planned Islamic Garden; a suggestion to take a Committee tour of ICE.

9. Question Period

A member requested information in regards to the governance path of the classroom improvements at Enterprise Square.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.