



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Wendy Rodgers, Chair
Andre Bourgeios (delegate)
Joanna Harrington
Cheryl Harwardt
Christopher Mackay
Sarah Ross
Andrew Sharman
Anna Vocioni

non-voting:
Meg Brolley
Marion Haggarty-France
Pat Jansen
Ben Louie

Hyejun Kim
Andrew MacIsaac
Emma Ripka

Staff:
Heather Richholt, Coordinator

REGRETS:
Fahed Elian

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Ross/Bourgeois

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Harrington/Ross

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC

The Chair had no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Dentistry Pharmacy Building Core and Shell Redevelopment - Schematic Design Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide members of the Facilities Development Committee with a summary of the project that will see the repurposing and renewal of the Dentistry Pharmacy Building under Phase 1 - Core and Shell.

Mr Sharman explained that the schematic design report addressed the core and shell and did not include design for programming at this stage. He made note of the project's Guiding Principles and how they were considered in the development of the plans.

Guiding Principles:

- Sustainability and well-being
- Integrate existing amenities and future developments
- Community social interaction, academic achievement and retention
- Adaptable, flexible, and efficient space

Mr Louie noted the provincial funding that was granted for the reimagining of this iconic 1922 building and the aspirations for it to serve as a front door, crossroads, and stage, and as the face of the university on the 89th Avenue Student Boulevard. Mr Louie spoke about some of the history of the original building and the 1912 Campus Plan and noted some of the renovations that had happened over the years and the damage that would have to be addressed. He explained the concept of transformation to a vertical university, which would combine academic and commercial typologies to provide as space that was functional for the community.

Ms Baker Perri gave an overview of the general program categories that would be considered in the next phase and noted the emphasis on access and natural light in the design.

Mr Jansen explained some of the issues with the current structure and the need for demolition of the additions to the original building. He noted that the planned demolition was in alignment with the sector plan and the Long Range Development Plan.

Discussion:

Members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: modern and traditional architecture and concerns about finding the most pleasing balance; the concept of a vertical university; access, open space and light in the design; the plans for "university public realm" space; building code requirements; the potential to incorporate wellness space, including pleasant stairwells; consideration of the people who use the building; the goal to restore as much of the original elements as possible; and honoring the past while also planning and building for the future.

Motion: Sharman/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the schematic design report for the Dentistry Pharmacy building as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. University of Alberta Botanic Garden: Entry Pavilion and the Diwan at the Aga Khan Garden, Alberta - Substantial Development Community Open House #1

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Lee Foote, Director, University of Alberta Botanic Garden, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences; Emily Ball, Director, Community Relations, University Relations

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide members of the Facilities Development Committee with a preview of the open house presentation material of the proposed site options and concept plans for the Entry Pavilion and the Diwan.

Ms Ball explained that, in accordance with the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), two community engagement opportunities were required concerning proposed substantial development. The first open house to address the construction of the Diwan and Entry Pavilions at the UABG were scheduled for April 24th.

Dr Foote noted that the planned Diwan paired nicely with the current offerings and capacity of the amphitheater and would allow for events to be moved inside during inclement weather. He explained that the Pavilions could both be completed by May 2020 if construction moves according to schedule.

Mr Louie noted that the presentation material did include the preferred option but that they would consider any ideas that came forward from the consultations.

Discussion:

Members discussed how best to reference the community consultation requirement of the LRDP and the key take-aways.

6. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations (no documents)

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

Mr Jansen gave the following update:

Past Projects – Construction Phase:

As noted in our February meeting, we are in a transition phase between the completion of several larger construction programs and new planning and design initiatives. As we move into 2019 and 2020, there are several larger construction initiatives that involve only infrastructure renewal – Electrical Vaults (several sites), Van Vliet Showers, BARB mechanical systems, FAB mechanical systems. As a reminder these will not be coming forward.

UA Botanical Garden (UABG) - Islamic Garden (no change from February meeting): Project is now in warranty phase clean up, consideration still to host an FDC meeting at the UABG, will continue to be reviewed with the Chair for 2019 (tracker).

Dentistry Pharmacy: Continuing with ongoing demolition and detailed core and shell design activities. As presented today, the project has reached the Schematic Design Phase. As a reminder, the formal programming and the Design Development phase will be presented to the FDC later in 2019.

Campus Utility Building – Electrical (CUBE): The project will advance into construction this spring.

In Planning and/or Design Phase:

Community Twin Arena: the arena Schematic Design phase is now complete. The design team will continue to advance the design to the next delivery stage and provide updates to the FDC at prescribed intervals - project awaiting final financial approval.

Maskwa House: no change, project has reached design development phase - awaiting financial support.

UA Pavilion (Garden) (no change from February meeting): Pavilion design has progressed to the Design Development phase, will move into construction documentation this spring.

Convocation Hall (no change from Feb meeting): F&O is engaged in a detailed building condition assessment and concept development phase for this building, there is no planned change of use but rather a renewal program. Should the project continue to develop the project would be brought forward as to FDC at appropriate design milestones.

Other considerations in early pre-planning activities include; Mechanical Engineering; Project Scope Confirmation Report (PSCR) and programming exercise will soon be underway. Structures Lab; PSCR completed, in the review to advance to next design phase. Cameron Library PSCR planning phase.

Discussion:

In response to a question, Mr Jansen explained that a PSCR includes information about building conditions, test budgets, and concepts and was used for preliminary planning.

Mr Jansen also noted that the 89th Avenue Multi-Modal Students' Boulevard was in the informal development phase and consultations with the campus community had received a good response to date. He invited members to complete the online survey, which would be available until March 27th.

A member asked about the renovations in the basement of the Central Academic Building. Mr Jansen answered that a new food service entity, with a refreshed and refurbished space, would open in fall 2019.

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

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 p.m.