



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Wendy Rodgers, Chair
Chris Beasley
Anas Fassih
Alana Krahn
Kathleen Lowrey
Gina Rayat

Dan Romanyk
John Seubert
Andrew Sharman
Anna Vocioni
non-voting:
Ben Louie
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Brad Hamdon
Sarah Ross

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair of GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)

Motion: Sharman/Krahn

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 21, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: Fassih/Rayat

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the open session minutes of May 21, 2020.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

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

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed members to the first FDC meeting of the academic year. She acknowledged that it was Black History Month and referred members to the Equity Diversity and Inclusivity web page for events and details.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. GFC Committee Orientation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Kate Peters, GFC Secretary and Manager, GFC Services

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to provide governance orientation to committee members.

Discussion:

Ms Peters provided a brief orientation that touched on the following:

- the history of GFC FDC;
- the authority given to GFC in the Post-Secondary Learning Act;
- delegations of authority from the Board of Governors and GFC to FDC;
- delegations of authority from the Board of Governors to the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations);
- FDC's Terms of Reference; and
- decision-making and advice.

There were no questions.

5. Dentistry-Pharmacy Building Programming

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie, University Architect

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek the Facilities Development Committee's advice and support for the final programming parameters within which the remainder of the building's programming can occur.

Discussion:

Mr Louie gave a presentation on the Dentistry Pharmacy Building Programming and Fit-Out . He spoke about the project drivers and guiding principles and provided an overview of the design and transformation of the building into a flexible "vertical university" with conceptual references to the Greek Agora and the Roman Forum.

During the discussion, members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to:

- what value the FDC could add to this project;
- changing the focus to the use of space;
- the potential for the Departments of Computing Science, and Mathematical and Statistical Sciences to move into the building; and
- opportunities for future development.

6. Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) Dashboard

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to provide an executive summary update for projects underway guided by the Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS).

Discussion:

Mr Sharman provided an overview of the IAMS Dashboard and explained how it was used to guide planning for Facilities and Operations.

A member asked about the medical library's move from the hospital to the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA). Mr Sharman noted that this would open up needed clinical space in the hospital.

A member asked about the demolition of the Ring Houses and what, if any, authority FDC had in this matter. Mr Sharman answered that FDC did not have authority over demolition and that it was an administrative and budget decision.

Members discussed:

- whether it made sense for FDC to exist given its lack of authority regarding facilities on campus and the numerous meeting cancellations over the years;
- that over its history, the university had seen periods of growth where there was more work for FDC to do to approving design and use of new space and repurposing of existing space;
- that at present, most decisions made relating to facilities were budget and operational which was outside FDC's authority;
- that it was important to have conversations around why and how decisions were made;
- the importance of communication to GFC about matters that concern it; and
- whether information regarding decisions made and consultation points could come forward to the committee.

Mr Sharman noted that there would be other decisions to make regarding mothballing or demolishing buildings on campus and he would provide more information as these decisions moved forward.

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

Presenter(s): Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Discussion:

Mr Sharman provided the following list of major and active capital projects:

Major Capital Projects

1. Dentistry Pharmacy

- Phase 1: Core and Shell - on target both cost and schedule
- Phase 2: Fit-Out space programming is underway
- Completion Date: 2024

2. Lister Residence Tower Renewals

- MacKenzie Tower #1: Complete
- Henday Tower #2: Construction
- Kelsey Tower #3: Construction tender
- Completion Date: 2022

Active Capital Projects

1. New

1. UABG Diwan Pavilion - Redesign and Re-tender

2. Preservation

2. Brain & Aging Research Building Renewal - \$8M (GOA)
3. Tory Tower Mechanical Renewal - \$8M (GOA)
4. Enterprise Square UAT-SET HUB
5. John Scott Library Relocation and ECHA Re-Stack

6. Morrison Structures Engineering Lab Renovation
7. Chemistry West 1st and 2nd Floor Renewals
8. Chemistry Electrical Vault
9. CAB Renewal Phase 2 Main Floor
10. Fine Arts Building Air Handler Renewal
11. Li Ka Shing Steam Turbine Connection (EMSO)
12. Rutherford Museums Consolidation
13. Education Electrical vault renewal- (IMP)
14. Athabasca/ Assiniboia Elevator renewal - (IMP)

3. Minor Preservation

1. GSB / NREF Emergency Generator Upgrade - (IMP)
2. Clinical Science Building Replacements & Renewals - (RSF/IMP)
3. Biological Sciences Building Lab & Infrastructure Renewals
4. HUB Mall - Ongoing Residence Renewal - (Campus Services)
5. ECERF AHU upgrade

Mr Sharman also spoke about the university's Energy Management and Sustainable Operations including:

- Waste diversion targets and agreement with the City of Edmonton;
- Envision Program;
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions;
- Water Management Plan; and
- work with the Faculty of Agricultural, Life, and Environmental Sciences.

He also updated members on the consultation process with the Clean Air Strategy, which was coming to the next GFC meeting on February 22 for discussion.

8. Question Period

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

Discussion:

A member asked about information that was available to the community regarding sustainability. Mr Sharman shared the link to the Facilities and Operations Interactive Dashboards.

A member asked about sources of funding for projects and operations given the cuts to the university's budget. Mr Sharman replied that funding came from a mix of grants, government funding, mortgages, donor funding, and institutional funds.

Members asked about the potential to privatize residences. Mr Sharman answered that the university was not considering privatizing residences at that time.

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

- Next Meeting of FDC: March 18, 2021
- Next Meeting of GFC: February 22, 2021

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.