



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, December 20, 2012
Room 3-07, South Academic Building
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Andy Cheema	Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Huiman Zhong (Delegate)	Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate*
Bart Becker (Delegate)	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) or Delegate
Debbie Feisst	Academic Staff
Elisabeth Le	Academic Staff
Erasmus Okine	Academic Staff
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Academic Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Support Staff
Loren Kline	Academic Staff, cross-representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	University Architect or Delegate
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Regrets:

Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) or Delegate
Bernie Kessels	Vice-Provost and University Registrar or Delegate
Caitlin Marchak	Undergraduate Student at-large

Presenter(s):

Andy Cheema	Vice-President (Operations and Finance), Students' Union
Ben Louie	University Architect and Director (Office of the University Architect)
Stephen Boyd	Principal, DIALOG
Rob Swart	Principal, DIALOG

Staff:

Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Ann Hodgson	Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Le

<p>THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
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2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 22, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Le/Kline

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of November 22, 2012.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

There were no comments from the Chair.

[* Scribe's Note: Ms. Huiman Zhong, Vice-President (Student Life) represented the GSA on behalf of Mr Naseeb Adnan.]

ACTION ITEMS

4. Students' Union Building: Addition and Renovation – Schematic Design Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, Andy Cheema, Stephen Boyd, Rob Swart

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the Students' Union Building: Addition and Renovation – Schematic Design Report which expands student engagement activity, improves provision of student services, and enhances the long term viability of the Students' Union Building (SUB).

Discussion:

Chair, Dr Colleen Skidmore, invited Mr Ben Louie to introduce the proposed Students' Union Building: Addition and Renovation – Schematic Design Report. Mr Louie, joined by Mr Andy Cheema, welcomed presentation team members (DIALOG Principals) Mr Stephen Boyd and Mr Rob Swart to the table. Mr Louie expressed his thanks to members of the UofA Students' Union for their continued engagement in the project planning, and acknowledged the collaborative efforts throughout the planning process and design strategies.

Mr Cheema provided GFC FDC members with a detailed synopsis of the proposal's key goals, objectives, and deliverables, adding that a number of new opportunities have emerged through the schematic design process. A range of constraints existing within the Students' Union Building's were also identified by Mr Cheema, with references to the building's current usage, footprint and infrastructure.

Aided by the support of a power-point presentation, DIALOG Principal, Mr Boyd reviewed the schematic design in detail, summarizing the proposal's alignment to campus planning and access routes (eg, traffic flow, pedestrians' precinct). Mr Boyd, joined by Mr Rob Swart, advised members on a number of design components, highlighting proposed changes to the exterior and interior/programmable spaces, including minor alterations and renovations proposed for SUB Tower (3rd to 6th floors). Mr Boyd reported on the overall functionality of spaces; incorporating group and meeting spaces, as well as creating a new entrance into an inner/outer plaza space.

During the ensuing discussion, presenters addressed questions and responded to comments including, but not limited to, the following: consideration of future SUB planning (eg, long-term expansion plan/10+ years); association with the *Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre* development; impact on metal sculpture (possible re-location); potential of impact to north-side of SUB (loading/receiving areas); ped-way implications; South Campus planning connection; exploration of bringing an "activity" concept into proposed open/green spaces; sustainability aspects; future considerations for *Dinwoodie* space.

Mr Andy Cheema added that the front landscape will be at grade level to ensure wheelchair accessible, barrier-free access to the building via the lower level – in addition to elevators. In response to a member's comment, Mr Cheema clarified that the *University Health Centre* will not be impacted by the proposed renovations and will continue to reside in its' current location (2nd Floor, SUB).

The Chair, Dr Colleen Skidmore, thanked the presentation team for their comprehensive report to members. In turn, presentation team members thanked the committee for receiving the document and providing valuable feedback to the process.

Motion: Haswell/Profetto-McGrath

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 Students' Union Building: Addition and Renovation – Schematic Design Report (as set forth in Attachment 2) as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

6. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

CLOSING SESSION

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.