



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
Facilities Development Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2015  
3-07 South Academic Building (SAB)  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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## **ATTENDEES:**

### Voting Members:

Olive Yonge	Chair, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Elisabeth Le	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Erasmus Okine	Member, Academic Staff and Associate Vice-President (Research/Academic)
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Member, Academic Staff
Fahim Rahman	Member, Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff
Alireza Talaei	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

### Non-Voting Members:

Bernie Kessels	Member (Delegate), Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Resource
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource

### Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee  
Arden Burtnik, Scribe

## **OPENING SESSION**

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Le/ Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 23, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Hickey/ Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of April 23, 2015.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of items of interest to members.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Augustana Campus General Space Program- Phase Two

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Allen Berger, Dean, Augustana Faculty; Léo Lejeune, Architect, Stantec Architecture Ltd., Prime Consultant; Lorna Baker Perri, Associate Director, Accommodation Planning and Programming

*Purpose for the Proposal:* To form the basis of further planning for Augustana Campus.

*Discussion:*

The proposal was introduced with an overview of the campus and plan to date. Augustana is a residential undergraduate liberal arts and science campus which joined the University of Alberta in 2004. After experiencing a decline in enrolment with the merger, Augustana has since experienced increased enrolments every year since 2008, with a 13% increase in the last 4 years. The primary driver of the General Space Plan (GSP) is the enrolment growth.

In 2011, a General Space Plan (GSP) for the campus was embarked upon. In order to address urgent needs, the GSP was divided into two phases. Phase One focused on academic needs and has now been completed. The focus of Phase Two is on non-academic needs. Phase Two, which represents an additional 22% increase in space, includes: athletics and campus recreation, mostly a new gymnasium; student and residence services; and, student services mostly counseling services.

The discussion began with a question of current residence space, and it was noted that campus can currently house 500 students; in the next year, a document will come forward to address issues such as diversification of residence types, illegal suites in Camrose, and anticipated housing shortages with increasing enrolment. It was noted that the campus has a land bank of close to one square block, and extensive consultation with the community will occur to develop this. On the question of developing space for student mental health services, it was indicated that the focus on campus space includes a new counselor and associated space. On enrolment growth, it was indicated that the current buildings could be used more efficiently in response to enrolment growth, such as more utilization of current laboratory space with the addition of more course sections. Also, housing could include suites with kitchen facilities for senior students which would not impact dining room services. On the question of campus safety, Dr Berger noted that UAPS is on campus and that there is also excellent relationship with Camrose city police who provide assistance as needed. The engagement with Camrose and surrounding communities in recreation and cultural facilities, such as the Performing Arts Centre, was highlighted.

Motion: Hickey/ Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Augustana Campus General Space Program - Phase Two (as set forth in attachment two), as the basis for further planning.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 5. Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG) Sector Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Ben Louie, University Architect

*Discussion:*

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Louie provided members with the mission and ethos of the Devonian Botanic Garden. He explained how the Garden will be an internationally recognized institution, will inspire appreciation for nature, interdisciplinary research, academic scholarship, and experiential learning. The Garden will connect to a broad audience through new and refined collections, appropriate complimentary expansion, and host year round programs. Mr Louie provided examples of research initiatives, education and workshop sessions, and events that the Garden has hosted.

Mr Louie presented current issues and future opportunities that the Devonian Botanic Garden faces, with emphasis on the Alberta climate challenges it continues to face.

Mr Louie also noted that the Garden acts as a linkage between current and future generations of people who will interact with the University of Alberta community. He illustrated this by noting the 16,000 students from grades 3-12 who have graduated from the university naturalist program. These graduates are told that they are completing a University of Alberta program and in doing so, the Garden acts as a recruitment tool.

During the ensuing discussion, members posed a number of questions and comments. On whether the Garden has engaged with the Faculty of Native Studies, it was confirmed that the engagement has been extensive. It was commented that, with the involvement of more faculties beyond ALES, the opportunities for student learning and the integration of other disciplines increase. Opportunities to engage with the Garden during the winter were also noted.

### 6. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

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

*Discussion:*

Mr Hickey provided members with a brief update in regards to several ongoing projects, referencing the following:

- Clinical Sciences Building (CSB): Ongoing floor-by-floor refresh and renewal including mechanical upgrades and finishes within select areas. All work is on schedule and will extend out through 2015.

- St. Joseph's College Women's Residence: Several areas of the building are in the final turn over phase. Substantial completion set for July and occupancy expected for September 2015.
- Infill Housing Project in the East Campus Village (EVC): East building now weather tight and West building roofing glazing installed and slab poured. Scheduled occupancy for September 2015.
- Students' Union Building (SUB): Exteriors are advancing as per schedule and May completion date is on target.
- Peter Lougheed Hall (PLH): Construction has commenced and completion is slated for early 2017.
- Innovation Centre for Learning (ICE) and Chemicals/Materials Engineering Building (CME): Core and Shell are at 98%, still several clean up areas related to glazing and exterior panels. End of May for targeted completion. Site work is underway including a layby area off 116th and sidewalks. Interior fit out portion is nearing completion and will be integrating the occupancy in a phased approach from May to July.
- South Campus 63rd Avenue: Landscaping design features and entrance signage concepts continue to advance. Construction has begun.
- Augustana Founders' Hall: The exterior is near completion and retrofit on interiors is ongoing. Turnover for fall semester.
- Augustana Aboriginal Student Commons: Construction to commence in May.
- Foote Field: Turf replacement scheduled to commence in May.
- Twin Arena: Business Case and Program has been advanced to a draft concept phase. Awaiting City of Edmonton (COE) signatures.
- Devonian Botanical Garden: Concept Development Phase. His Highness the Aga Khan will continue the ongoing assessment and reviews with their design team. Grant funding has been formally released.
- Research Collection and Resource Facility: Into RFQ process for the selection of the design and contractor proponents.
- Gathering Place: There have been no further advancements from Schematic Design.
- Devonian ECO: There have been no further advancements from Schematic Design.
- Dentistry/Pharmacy Building: No further advancement on major retrofit from Core and Shell Design Development.

#### 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 3:00 p.m.