



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2016
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)
Loren Kline	Member, Elected Academic Staff Member, appointed from and by the Academic Planning Committee (FDC ToFR)
Suzanne Poirier	Member, Support Staff
Fahim Rahman	Member, Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Alireza Talaei	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource
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Presenter(s):

Gerald Beasley	Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian
Emily Ball	Community Relations Officer (Office of University Relations, Community Relations)
Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Kelly Hopkin	Senior Campus Planner and Architect

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services

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/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 26, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

The Chair made note of a typo within the Minutes.

Motion: Rahman/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of November 26, 2015, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of relevant items to members and provided them with an update in regards to the draft Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP).

ACTION ITEMS

4. Research and Collections Resource Facility (RCRF) – Design Development Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian; Emily Ball, Community Relations Officer (Office of University Relations, Community Relations); Kelly Hopkin, Senior Campus Planner and Architect

Purpose of the Proposal: To obtain approval for the design development 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:

Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian Gerald Beasley provided members with a brief summary of the project, noting that it has been a delightful and collaborative process, in concert with Libraries staff, members of the Facilities and Operations team, and external partners. He reported that this facility relocation and expansion is reflective of the University's commitment to preserving important records, adding that the facility itself will assist in research.

Mr Hopkin, while utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, reported to members on details in relation to all of the activities as part of the design development phase, and the schematic design planning for this project. He addressed specific feedback from members provided at the meeting of November 26, 2015.

Ms Emily Ball summarized the extensive efforts undertaken by the University of Alberta to consult with neighbors of South Campus, including the South Campus Neighbors Coalition. She noted that consultation with the nearby community was initiated early on, and that throughout the Open House proceedings, those members of the community have expressed satisfaction with the development. She noted, however, that some individuals expressed concerns about parking, the preservation of existing trees, and the availability of public art in the area. She reported that her team has also consulted with the City of Edmonton regarding this project.

Mr Hopkin continued on with his presentation, outlining the site context, utility concept plan, site lay-out plan, and landscape plan for the project. In regards to the meeting space within the building, Mr Beasley noted that further consultation with academic staff members is needed in order to maximize usage of the space.

Mr Hopkin provided members with visual renderings of the facility throughout the seasons.

During the extensive discussion in regards to this project, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: that the interior finishes appear quite dark; concern with sound minimization between the two meeting rooms; compliments on the seasonal renderings of the facility; that the building seems isolated within South Campus; concern that this building will not be integrated with future buildings in the area; a suggestion to hide waste bins from the front of the building; clarification surrounding handicap access to the building; a suggestion to include sufficient and clear way-finding signage; clarification surrounding how the University's office standards apply to this facility.

The Chair thanked members for their discussion and commentary.

Motion: Kline/Hickey

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Facilities Council, and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Research and Collections and Resource Facility (RCRF) – Design Development Report (as set forth in Attachment 2) as the basis for further engineering and development of contract documents.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. 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:

Vice-President Don Hickey provided updates to members regarding ongoing projects at the University of Alberta, including:

In the Building Phase:

Clinical Sciences Building – 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.

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

Augustana Aboriginal Student Commons: Construction on the lower renovation and fit out now completed, completion of graphics expected by the end of January.

ALES greenhouse redevelopment : Construction progressing, glazing installation now underway and expected to be completed by spring.

Research Collection and Resource Facility: Presented for Design Development approval at today's meeting. We expect pending approvals, to proceed with construction start up in early March.

In Design or Development:

Twin Arena: Business Case and program will be assessed and issued in final format with input from the COE.

Islamic Garden: Moving into construction document phase. Utilities master plan complete with engagement with Alberta Environment ongoing. Sector plan final submission planned to be presented to FDC at next meeting.

Maskwa House of Learning: Designs are advancing to Design Development phase, will bring back to FDC when completed.

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

School of Music and Art and Design: Concept development is underway along with various programming activities.

Rogers: Upper and lower floors under consideration for new occupancies.

Lister V: RFQ issued as Modified Design Build delivery model, per typical DB's we will bring forward at concept development and formal Schematic and Design Development phases.

ECV 9: RFQ issued as Design Build delivery model, per typical DB's we will bring forward at concept development and formal Schematic and Design Development phases.

Foote Bubble: Advancing into formal design – will be brought forward as information item.

Varsity field: Review possible concept development schemes, to be determined as to final development direction.

Mr Hickey provided members with further information in regards to Federal and Provincial funding for projects.

A member sought an update in regards to the Multi-Faith Prayer and Meditation Space.

6. Question Period

Members discussed the location of the Twin Arena project, as well as the projected cost of renovations to the Dentistry/Pharmacy Building. The Chair reminded members that budget considerations are outside of the purview of the Committee.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.