



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2016
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Wendy Rodgers	Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Deputy Provost
Sandeep Agrawal	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Loren Kline	Member, Elected Academic Staff Member, appointed from and by the Academic Planning Committee (FDC ToFR)
Robyn Paches	Member (Delegate), Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Tiffany Rogers	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large
Andrew Sharman	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Ali Talaei	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate

Non-Voting Members:

Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Resource
Anna Vocioni	Member (Delegate), Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Resource
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource

Presenter(s):

Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)
Meg Brolley	Secretary to GFC and Manager of GFC Services
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Ben Louie	University Architect
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)
Andrew Sharman	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Emily Ball	Community Relations Officer (Office of University Relations, Community Relations)
Lee Foote	Director, Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG)
Robert Summers	Faculty Service Officer, Faculty of Science
Trina Innes	Chief Sustainability Officer
Shannon Leblanc	Sustainability Coordinator
Craig Webber	Principal, Group2 Architecture Interior Design Ltd.
Suzanne Butler	TYP Coordinator, Aboriginal Student Services Centre

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers

Motion: Kline/Talaei

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of June 23, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers

Motion: Talaei/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of June 23, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all to the 2016-2017 academic year and invited members to introduce themselves. Following this, she recognized Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) Mr Andrew Sharman and welcomed him to his first meeting of the GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC).

Mr Sharman then provided members with an update in regards to the decommissioning of Slowpoke.

4. Welcome and Committee Member Development and Orientation

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Meg Brolley; Marion Haggarty-France

Purpose of the Proposal: To welcome members of the Committee to the 2016-2017 academic year and to provide member orientation.

Discussion:

University Secretary Marion Haggarty-France welcomed members to the 2016-2017 academic year and thanked them for their service to the community. In addition to providing an overview of the Committee's mandate, she referred members to the new institutional strategic plan, *For the Public Good*.

GFC Secretary Meg Brolley then provided members with an orientation to online resources available on the University Governance website. In addition, she noted changes to the Outline of Issue (OI). She provided members with an update on the GFC *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority, noting that the Terms of Reference for all GFC Standing Committees would be reviewed in detail as part of this process.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Maskwa House of Learning: Design Development Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie; Suzanne Butler; Craig Webber

Purpose of the Proposal: To obtain approval for the Design Development report for the Maskwa House of Learning (formally known as the Gathering Place).

Discussion:

Following an introduction of this project by the Chair, she reported that this project still requires funding; however, the academy wants to be ready to build as soon as funding is received. She noted, as well, that the current name is just a placeholder and that before a final name can be given to this building, proper consultation and ceremonial recognition must take place.

Mr Louie acknowledged that the University of Alberta sits on Treaty Six land, and provided members with an update of the past activities related to this proposal, including a schematic design which came forward in 2014.

In regards to the schematic design and design development, Mr Webber and Ms Butler reported that the space has been designed to support programs and social and engagement spaces for students and faculty. Mr Webber noted that the space has many uses.

Mr Louie reported that the facility was imagined using themes of celebration of earth, air, water and fire and that it is a place for students and their stories.

During the discussion in relation to this proposal, members discussed the impact of funding on design, the connectivity to the Education building, the slope of the roof, the placement of the drumming space within the building in relation to the planned location of office spaces.

The Chair thanked the presenters for their work on this important initiative.

Motion: Kline/Sharman

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Facilities Council, and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Maskwa House of Learning Design Development Report (as set forth in Attachment 2) as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG) Sector Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie; Lee Foote; Emily Ball

Purpose of the Proposal: This sector plan will establish management direction for resource stewardship, operations and development. The plan will safeguard the land base important natural and cultural features; and provide continued opportunities for managing future development opportunities in support of DBG program.

Discussion:

Dr Foote explained that the development of the Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG) aligns with *For the Public Good* in several ways, and that despite certain challenges inherent to this project, that there are many more important opportunities. On this point, Mr Louie noted that creating a sector plan bridges imagination with practicality. He explained to members the process of consulting with stakeholders. Dr Foote emphasized that there are several gardens being considered for the DBG and the Ecological Learning Centre, as well, and that all major universities have a garden. He explained that the capabilities for experiential learning and research at the garden are limitless.

During the discussion in regards to this proposal, members commented that the DGB is a rich resource for the University of Alberta and that it continues to grow impressively.

Dr Foote extended a welcome to Mr Sharman and thanked Mr Louie's team for their assistance in developing this project.

7. Campus Wayfinding on North Campus

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Andrew Sharman; Ben Louie

Purpose of the Proposal: The Campus Open Space Advisory Committee developed a Campus Plan showing primary and secondary circulation routes and open spaces. When completed, the pathways names, together with the open space names and the building addresses (off these routes), will provide clarity in wayfinding while presenting the campus as a cohesive cultural and physical landscape, reinforcing the existing character, supporting place-making and leaves a lasting impression.

Discussion:

Mr Sharman provided members with a summary of this proposal, adding that it is an intended solution to current lack of clarity in wayfinding at North Campus.

Mr Louie reported on the challenges within this project, including selection of names. He explained that this proposal is being presented to stakeholders for final consultation.

Members, during the ensuing discussion, enquired about bicycle overlay and signage.

8. University of Alberta Sustainability Plan 2016-2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Andrew Sharman; Robert Summers; Trina Innes; Shannon Leblanc

Purpose of the Proposal: The new sustainability plan outlines areas for improving our institution's sustainability performance and educational programming. It will be used to help guide strategic decisions across the institution, program decisions regarding outreach initiatives, operational improvements and enhancements to academic programs.

Discussion:

Mr Sharman explained that this plan has undergone significant work and consultation during its development, and that it includes an academic piece. He noted that it is very timely for several reasons, including the Provincial Government's focus on carbon reduction.

Ms Innes reported on the University's history in relation to sustainability and the transition from receiving a lower grade to a gold rating since the Office of Sustainability was created.

Dr Summers provided members with highlights from the academic companion document, noting that there are already many sustainability programs available at the academy, with increasing interest from students and faculty members.

A member, during the discussion of this plan, enquired about the utilization of solar power at the institution.

9. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Pat Jansen; Robyn Paches

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Member Robyn Paches provided members with an update in regards to the planned renovation to the Myer Horowitz Theatre. He noted that the schematic design will be prepared within the next 1-2 months.

Mr Jansen then provided members with updates on ongoing projects across the campuses of the University of Alberta:

Chemical Materials Engineering Building Characterization Laboratories: Construction is nearing completion and in the final clean up phase. The last portion of the work for this building renewal will be covered under SIF funding.

Research and Collections Resource Facility (RCRF): Construction has reached the steel erection phase, see the building profile.

Peter Lougheed Hall: Advancing as per schedule, occupancy for spring 2017 – future road trip.

East Campus Village Residence Building: Now into construction, excavation and foundations underway.

Lister 5 Residence Building: Now into construction, excavation and foundations underway.

Twin Arena: Continue to evolve the partnership requirements; the materials to support the City presentation on late October will include concept design and the business case. These will be brought forward in alignment with the partnership funding commitments.

Maskwa House: Reached Design Development phase, ongoing.

Devonian Botanical Garden – Islamic Garden: Designs have reached tender ready, road work design completed.

Devonian ECO: Ongoing review of facility programming and site development, relationship to Islamic Garden in review and development.

Sector Plan Devonian: Presented in today's meeting, guidance for development.

10. Question Period

During question period, a member commented on pedestrian access at the RCRF building and a member sought more information on how space at Enterprise Square is designed.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.