

MINUTES
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 20, 1984
Regents Room, Morrill Hall
3:00 - 5:30

Present: Mark Brenner, Marilyn Gorlin, Vice President Keller, Gerald Klement, Jack Merwin, Irwin Rubenstein, David Shope, Robert Sloan, David Storvik, Deon Stuthman (Chairman), John Sullivan.

Agenda: Further discussion with Vice President Keller about the 1985-87 legislative request. SCC had again been invited to join SFC.

I. Capital Request itemization. Vice President Keller reported the Budget Executive's cuts and schedule changes in the aggregate of requests deans have submitted. The State Commissioner of Finance has asked the University and all state agencies to subtract an equal dollar amount if they add any new capital item to what the legislature approved ~~of~~ⁱⁿ 1984, so the state will stay within its bonding authority limits. The Budget Executive will essentially be in compliance with this request if construction of the Animal Science building is postponed.

A. Green Hall. New construction funds only sought; request for renovation/remodelling funds deferred to 1987.

B. Folwell Hall: Add item. Need to improve language programs.

C. Physical Plant Computer. Subtract \$1.370 million since University will seek permission to fund this from the O&M budget.

D. GRID-ICES. Add \$1.5 million. To expand the computerization of temperature monitoring and control.

E. Appleby Hall. Retain \$4.3 million in '85 request; defer \$2.9 million to 1987.

F. Amundson Hall. Retain \$3.3 million for '85; defer \$3.0 million to 1987.

G. Animal Science. May defer \$15.2 million to 1987.

H. Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Supplement. Add \$8.0 million.

I. UMD Recreational Sports. Budget Executive is asking Duluth to come with a building plan at the cost legislature originally approved, \$10.5 million.

J. UMD Mathematics/Geology. Defer to 1987 because a lessened space pressure is anticipated.

K. UMD Demolition of Old Main. Defer to 1988. (Ultimately a space trade is expected rather than demolition.)

L. UMM Psychology laboratories. New item, and important, but deferred to 1987.

M. UMC: Add Equipment Storage item;
Drop Agricultural lab (land purchase);
Defer Mall modification to 1987;
Defer Machinery storage to 1987.

N. UMW Food Service. Move funds request for working drawings to 1985; set construction funds request for 1987.

Recreational sports. Set funds request for working drawings for 1985, set construction funds request for 1987.

O. Grand Rapids storage barn. Defer to 1987.

P. Lamberton Machine Shop Phase I. Defer to 1987.

It is understood that requesting and receiving working drawings does represent a University commitment to future construction or renovation.

For new items tapped for 1987 which are not tied to working drawings in the 1985 request, the University will note to the Finance Commissioner that requests are in our system but do not yet represent our considered commitments.

II. Capital Request Prioritization. Legislature has required prioritization. Budget Executive will recommend the following order of priorities, within each category, to the Regents:

Working drawings, 1985

- #1 - Recreational Sports
- #2 - Physical Education.

Working drawings, 1987

- #1 - Walter Library
- #2 - Fraser Hall
- #3 - Field House.

Remodeling, 1985, Twin Cities

- #1 - EE/CS Supplement
- #2 - Animal Science
- #3 - Appleby
- #4 - Amundson
- #5 - Green
- #6 - Folwell
- #7 - Williams Arena.

(Asked about the Music Performance Laboratory, Vice President Keller said the request is postponed until 1987.)

III. Operations and Maintenance. Comments were made on only a few of the items, as noted below.

A. Faculty salaries. Request for 7% and 7% is consistent with Senate policy, said Dr. Keller. U is only asking 1% extra for "special needs."

In answer to a question, Vice President Keller took a few minutes to explain the University's recent four-year salary settlement with UMD in the context of all the increases which UMD and the other campuses have received over the last two years.

B. Supplies, Expense, Equipment. Inflation adjustment guideline. Finance Commissioner's preliminary assessment is 5.5%. Meeting participants pointed out that because of the sharply rising cost of telephone service, the rest of the SEE budget will suffer a real decrease. (University's changeover to its own telecommunications system will start by March, 1986.)

C. Library request exceeds the 5.5% formula and allows for an 8% inflationary run-up plus catching up especially for UMD and UMM.

Participants agreed it is worth the University's publicizing that it has accomplished its goal of catching up in library acquisitions to Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois.

D. Graduate Student Tuition Scholarships. Vice President Keller said the total scheme has the effect of helping departments which are graduate student-intensive. It also includes funding for some fellowships in departments without TA's and RA's.

E. Specials. The Committee suggested that the figures on new associated staff positions not be part of the record because they are not meaningful as they stand. However, the state's format for biennial requests requires a representation of positions created.

F. Supercomputer Institute. Request has increased to \$3.4 million for each year because of new leasing and equipment costs. However, while the legislatively-supported base will be ^{over} \$6 million, the total Supercomputer base will be \$15 million. Dr. Keller said 40% of supercomputer use will be by University faculty and that the subsidy to user units will increase. He reported that the University over the past three years has put far more money into general computers than into supercomputing. The supercomputer should make the University more competitive for federal grants in a number of areas, he told the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Meredith Poppele,
Recorder