

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Facilities Committee**

**July 6, 2005**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 1:45 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: David Metzen, presiding; Anthony Baraga, Frank Berman, John Frobenius, Steven Hunter, and Lakeesha Ransom.

Staff present: Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Kathryn Brown, R. Timothy Mulcahy, Kathleen O'Brien, and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Michael Perkins and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Cassie McMahon and Tom Zearley.

**RESOLUTION RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL  
PROGRAM, MAYO-UNIVERSITY BIOTECHNOLOGY &  
MEDICAL GENOMICS COLLABORATION**

Senior Vice President Cerra reported that the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic have entered into a collaboration to conduct research in the areas of biotechnology and medical genomics. The 2005 State Legislature appropriated \$21,726,000 for the construction of a research facility to be owned by the University and constructed on the Mayo campus. By statute, State bond funds may only be used to support governmental programs. This resolution confirms that the collective research program to be performed by the University and the Mayo Clinic is a governmental program.

Cerra noted that at its June 2005 meeting the committee reviewed the proposal for the research facility. Action on this resolution causes the collaboration to be classified as a governmental program. Then the real estate transaction can be completed and presented at a future meeting of the committee.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee unanimously recommended approval of the Resolution Related to Establishment of Governmental Program, Mayo-University Biotechnology & Medical Genomics Collaboration.

## **SCHEMATIC PLANS**

### **A. Rowing Facility, Twin Cities Campus**

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following action:

The schematic plans for the Rowing Facility, Twin Cities campus, are approved and the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to proceed with the award of contracts, the development of construction documents, and construction.

Vice President O'Brien reported that more functional permanent facilities are needed to adequately serve the women's intercollegiate team and men's rowing club. The groups currently operate out of temporary facilities that provide only minimal storage for boats and equipment, and no amenities for rowers.

Perkins summarized the schematic plans for the proposed facility as included in the docket and associated materials on file in the Board Office.

A lengthy discussion ensued. In response to questions, Vice President Brown and Elizabeth Eull, Senior Administrative Director, Department of Athletics, addressed concerns about the history of the proposed facility, safety considerations for student athletes using the temporary facilities, gender equity issues, and central funding for the Department of Athletics and this project.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Rowing Facility, Twin Cities campus.

### **B. Centennial Hall Student Housing, Crookston Campus**

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following action:

The schematic plans for Centennial Hall Student Housing, Crookston campus, are approved and the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to proceed with the award of contracts, the development of construction documents, and construction.

Associate Vice President Perkins and Vice Provost Richard Nelson presented the schematic plans for the proposed project, as included in the docket and associated materials on file in the Board Office. The project provides fire suppression systems in all student residences, and construction of new apartment-style units to meet demand for that style of housing.

In response to a question, Vice President Pfutzenreuter explained that the capital budget for this project was approved as an amendment to the FY2005 Capital Budget in February 2005. Debt service on the loan will be paid through a combination of Crookston campus resources, fees from students living in the facility, and institutional resources. Regent Frobenius requested a future committee discussion of the use of fees, revenues, and state appropriations to support coordinate campus institutions.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for Centennial Hall Student Housing, Crookston campus.

**COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2005-06:  
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION**

Vice President O'Brien presented a draft committee workplan for September 2005-06, as described in the materials on file in the Board Office. She noted that the workplan includes items regularly presented to the committee, policy issues, and strategic planning implementation issues.

**CONSENT REPORT**

No Consent Report items were presented this month.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Vice President O'Brien announced the completion of the James L. Swenson Science Building, Duluth campus, which had been delayed due to vandalism in 2004. O'Brien will report on the reconstruction project at a future meeting of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**ANN D. CIESLAK  
Executive Director and  
Corporate Secretary**