

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

September 8, 2005

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 3:00 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: Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Vice Presidents R. Timothy Mulcahy and Kathleen O'Brien; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; and Associate Vice Presidents Michael Perkins and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Cassie McMahon and Tom Zearley.

SCHEMATIC PLANS

A. Life Science Remodel & Addition, Duluth Campus

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

The schematic plans for the Life Science Remodel & Addition, Duluth 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 Chancellor Greg Fox reported that the Life Science Building has poor air quality caused by inadequate ventilation in its instructional labs, numerous life safety and accessibility code deficiencies, and a high level of asbestos in floor, ceiling, and fireproofing materials through the building, resulting in the building being inadequate for teaching and research.

Fox and John Rashid, Assistant Director of Facilities Management, Duluth campus, summarized the schematic plans for the proposed project, as included in the docket and associated materials on file in the Board Office.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Life Science Remodel & Addition, Duluth campus.

B. Labovitz School of Business & Economics, Duluth Campus

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

The schematic plans for the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, Duluth campus, are approved and the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to proceed with the award of contracts, the development of construction documents, and construction.

Chancellor Martin introduced Joel Labovitz, a major donor to the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, who spoke briefly on the importance of the business school to the Duluth campus and the State of Minnesota. Associate Vice President Michael Perkins and the project architects presented the schematic plans for the proposed, facility as included in the docket and associated materials on file in the Board Office.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, Duluth campus.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Associate Vice President Perkins presented Capital Planning and Project Management's Capital Improvement Plan Semi-Annual Report. The report presents a retrospect of projects primarily authorized as a part of the FY2004 Capital Budget. (Materials on file in the Board Office.)

Perkins summarized several capital projects to illustrate process improvements and challenges encountered in ensuring that the project scope of work is delivered within budget and on schedule. He reviewed cost estimates and variances from budget and final costs of several projects, the status of FY2005 capital projects, budget amendments, and projects planned and funded for FY2006. He also spoke briefly about outstanding claims and progress to date.

Perkins identified Capital Planning & Project Management's major objectives for the coming year, including development of a project delivery model and implementation of a project management information system.

UPDATE: FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Vice President O'Brien introduced Associate Vice President Steven Spehn to present the Facilities Management Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA), a comprehensive evaluation of the condition of the institution's campus facilities and infrastructure portfolio. Spehn began with an overview of previous FCA presentations to the committee, noting that this presentation will focus on the expanded use of the FCA and the additional information contained in the FCA database.

Spehn summarized the three components to the FCA: conditions assessment, project cost estimates, and replacement value. He explained that the FCA identifies and prioritizes facilities renewal needs over a ten-year window. He reported on progress to date, noting the completion of inspections of facilities on the Twin Cities and coordinate campuses.

Spehn indicated the next steps are to make the FCA data the single enterprise source of information about facility condition and needs, resulting in a better planning and management tool for capital and operational purposes.

Committee members commented on the importance of this information in demonstrating the institution's commitment to renewal and preservation of its facilities.

COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2005-06

Vice President O'Brien summarized the development of the committee workplan for the coming year in accordance with Board of Regents Policy: *Board Operations & Agenda Guidelines*. O'Brien detailed the topics proposed for discussion each month. By consensus the committee agreed to the workplan.

CONSENT REPORT

No consent report items were presented this month.

INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items were presented this month.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary