

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Facilities Committee**

**November 9, 2006**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 1:35 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

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

Staff present: Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Kathleen O'Brien and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; and Associate Vice Presidents Terry Bock, Michael Perkins, and Laurie Scheich.

Student Representatives present: Lan Nguyen and Cassie McMahon.

**SCHEMATIC PLANS**

**A. Veterinary Diagnostic Necropsy Laboratory Addition, Twin Cities Campus**

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

The schematic plans for the Veterinary Diagnostic Necropsy Laboratory Addition, 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 introduced Senior Vice President Cerra, Associate Vice President Perkins, and Jeffrey Klausner, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, to present the schematic plans for the proposed project, as included in the docket and associated materials distributed at the meeting. Perkins reported that the project will add 3,709 gross square feet to the existing building and will house the only Biosafety Level Three necropsy laboratory in the state.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Veterinary Diagnostic Necropsy Laboratory Addition, Twin Cities campus.

## **CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

### **A. 717 Delaware Street SE, Phase II Renovation, Twin Cities Campus**

The committee reviewed a proposal to amend the FY2007 Capital Budget by \$25,500,000 to incorporate funding for the 717 Delaware Building, Phase II Renovation project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, East Bank campus.

Associate Vice President Perkins reminded the committee that Phase I of this project was previously approved in 2006 and is currently on budget and schedule. Senior Vice President Cerra summarized the basis for the request, project history and scope, cost estimates, and construction schedule, as detailed in the docket and associated materials distributed at the meeting. He reported that the building is structurally sound, but significant upgrades are needed to meet current building and energy codes and to ensure the reliability of building systems.

In response to a question from Regent Frobenius, Vice President O'Brien explained that this is the only current project anticipated to be funded by the Biomedical Sciences Research Facilities Authority, which will be part of the University's 2007 legislative request. Cerra expressed confidence that the Academic Health Center will be able to cover the cost of this project if the legislation is not approved.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

### **B. Veterinary Medicine Center Linear Accelerator Renovation, Twin Cities Campus**

The committee reviewed a revised proposal, as distributed in the meeting and noted in the docket materials, to amend the FY2006 Capital Budget by \$2,052,960 to incorporate funding for the Veterinary Medical Center Linear Accelerator Renovation project located on the Twin Cities, St. Paul campus.

Senior Vice President Cerra and Dean Klausner explained the rationale for the renovation project as being primarily related to the health and safety of patients and University employees. Klausner reported that new federal regulations require a higher level of radiation security than the current equipment provides. Associate Vice President Perkins summarized the construction schedule and noted that the entire project will be funded by an internal loan repaid by the College of Veterinary Medicine. He reported that additional construction analysis was still taking place and that costs will be finalized when the capital budget amendment returns to the committee for action.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

## **REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

### **A. Amendment for Lease for 112 Apartments at University Village, 2601 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis**

The committee reviewed a proposal to amend the lease for 112 apartments at University Village, 2601 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis. Director of Real Estate Susan Carlson Weinberg summarized the basis of the request, location and description of the property, and source of funds, as detailed in the docket materials. She explained that the University leases approximately one-half of the residential units in University Village.

In response to a question from Regent Frobenius, Laurie McLaughlin, Director of Housing and Residential Life on the Twin Cities Campus, explained that future enrollment projections indicate the need for the University to continue leasing these apartments because of a continuing demand for on-campus housing.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

**B. Agreements for University Facilities and Services  
for Walden Summer Program**

The committee reviewed a proposal to provide facilities and services for Walden University summer programs, July 5-24, 2007, on the Twin Cities campus. Weinberg summarized the basis for the request, the facilities and services to be utilized by Walden, and the fee structure to be paid to the University, as detailed in the docket materials.

In response to a question from Regent Baraga, Vice President O'Brien stated that the Office of the Provost has concluded that Walden's summer programs do not compete with courses being offered by the University.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

**C. Purchase of 515-519 Oak Street and  
811-815 Fulton Street, Minneapolis**

The committee reviewed a proposal to purchase property located at 515 Oak Street SE, 517-519 Oak Street SE, 811-813 Fulton Street SE, and 815 Fulton Street SE, Minneapolis for \$1,400,000. Weinberg summarized the basis of the request, location and description of the property, and source of funds, as detailed in the docket materials. She reported that the University has had ongoing discussions with the property owners for the last two years and that these properties provide an opportunity to serve University needs related to potential campus expansion. Weinberg noted that the University has communicated to all property owners on this block of the University's interest in acquiring properties when the owners decide to sell.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY OVERVIEW**

Vice President O'Brien introduced Assistant Vice President and University Police Chief Greg Hestness to present information on public safety at the University, as contained in the docket materials. Hestness explained that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) consists of the University Police Department (UMPD), Department of Emergency Management, and Department of Central Security. He discussed public safety challenges and University responses on all campuses. Highlights of his presentation included:

- The University has dedicated over \$7 million system-wide to enhance security infrastructure since 2002;
- Technology investments in police dispatch, interagency communication, and records management have dramatically strengthened DPS performance;
- In response to increased crime activity in areas adjacent to the Minneapolis campus, UMPD has expanded patrol into campus neighborhoods and increased cooperation with neighborhood associations and businesses.

In response to a question from Regent Berman, Hestness stated that security in research laboratories has improved significantly in the past few years and that DPS has an excellent working relationship with the Academic Health Center.

#### **CONSENT REPORT**

There were no Consent Report items this month.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Vice President O'Brien referred committee members to the Information Items contained in the docket, including:

- Update on University activities to secure a lease of classroom, laboratory, and office space for University of Minnesota Rochester;
- University activities to grant the Alpha Gamma Rho Lambda Chapter Educational Foundation a five-year option for a long-term lease for a new fraternity house at Cleveland and Commonwealth Avenues in Falcon Heights; and
- Final project review of the following project over \$5 million:
  - a. Folwell Hall Exterior Stabilization project.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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