

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

October 11, 2001

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, October 11, 2001 at 3:45 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Anthony Baraga, presiding; Robert Bergland, Frank Berman, David Metzen, H. Bryan Neel, and Lakeesha Ransom.

Staff present: Chancellor Donald Sargeant; Vice Presidents Eric Kruse and Christine Maziar; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Richard Pfitzenreuter and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Patrick Peterson and Allison Rhody.

EXTERIOR DESIGN STANDARDS, CROOKSTON CAMPUS: RESOLUTION

Action

Vice President Kruse presented for action the proposed Resolution relating to the Crookston Campus Exterior Design Standards, as found in the docket materials.

Kruse reported that the proposed Exterior Design Standards had been reviewed extensively by the committee during its meeting in September.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Resolution to adopt the Crookston Campus Exterior Design Standards as a unifying framework for future capital improvements and design.

**SCHEMATIC PLANS: CIVIL ENGINEERING MAST STRUCTURES LABORATORY,
TWIN CITIES**

Review/Action

Vice President Kruse presented for review and action the schematic plans for the Civil Engineering Multi-Axial Subassemblage Testing (MAST) Structures Laboratory project located on the East Bank of the Twin Cities campus, as found in the docket materials.

Kruse reported that the University is obligated to construct the facility due to the acceptance of a grant awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to research earthquake engineering. The facility will be one of eleven sites nation-wide participating in this NSF project. The laboratory is expected to be completed in November 2002.

Civil Engineering Professor Catherine French presented a detailed explanation of the special building requirements of the MAST laboratory, after which the committee had a lengthy discussion regarding specific costs and funding sources associated with these requirements.

In response to a request from several committee members, Kruse agreed to bring samples of materials and colors to the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Civil Engineering MAST Structures Laboratory project.

REAL ESTATE INVENTORY AND SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY REPORT

Associate Vice President Pfitzenreuter introduced Real Estate Director Susan Weinberg, who presented the annual Real Estate Inventory Report and the Status of Sale of Surplus Property Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, as found in the materials on file in the Board Office.

In response to a question from Regent Neel, Weinberg explained that the inventory includes property owned by the State of Minnesota because the State identified certain lands to assist in the creation of a land-grant institution (Permanent University Fund). The University receives all profit generated by these lands.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice President Kruse presented the following information items, as found in the docket materials and noted below:

- Over 450 volunteers participated in Beautiful U Day. Unitree and the Tree Trust provided trees and shrubs to plant along Washington Avenue.
- Lyndel King, Director of the Weisman Art Museum, and Shelly Willis, Coordinator for Public Art on Campus, described the public art project for Peters Hall.
- The public art project for Walter Library, restoration of original decorative art and frescoes, has an expected completion date of Summer 2002.
- After a national search to fill the Associate Vice President for Facilities position, Steven Spehn, who served as interim Associate Vice President, was selected.

Kruse noted that future committee meetings would include a discussion of various phases of the construction process to enhance the committee's understanding of the process in its entirety, from the proposal stage to occupancy.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary**

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