

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

April 11, 2002

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 4:05 p.m. in Room CF206, Coffman Center, University Center Rochester.

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

Staff present: Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Interim Vice President Gregory Fox; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Richard Pfitzenreuter and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Patrick Peterson and Allison Rhody.

CONSENT REPORT

Interim Vice President Fox reported that there were no Consent Report items this month.

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Action

Interim Vice President Fox presented the following revised FY02 Capital Budget amendment for action, as found on file in the Board Office:

**Washington Avenue Pedestrian Bridges, Phase II, and Bus Shelters,
Twin Cities Campus**

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

Amend the FY02 Capital Budget by \$5,564,000 to incorporate funding for the Washington Avenue Pedestrian Bridges,
Phase II, and Bus Shelters project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, East Bank campus.

Fox reported that the revised capital budget amendment would fund the construction of new replacement pedestrian bridges (\$4,563,000) connecting Northrop Mall to Coffman Memorial Union plaza and the construction of two new bus shelters (\$1,001,000) located on Washington Avenue, below and in between the bridges. He noted that the amendment has been

revised due to early completion of the planning phase for the bus shelters, affording the University an opportunity for more efficient and cost-effective concurrent construction. Both projects will be funded by a combination of University resources and state Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funding. Completion is expected in October 2002.

In response to Regent Baraga's question regarding the cost of the new bus shelters, Fox explained that they are similar in cost per square foot to the four shelters already built by the MTC using the design/bid/build process. The new shelters are almost twice as large, accommodating 250 people each, and have design elements to complement the Coffman Union renovation and the new pedestrian bridges.

Regents Berman and Metzen requested that in the future, both initial presentations and written materials for projects delineate all phases of the project and provide cost estimates whenever possible.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the revised capital budget amendment.

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT **Review/Action**

Interim Vice President Fox presented the following FY02 Capital Budget amendment for review and action, as found in the docket materials:

Centennial Hall Fire Sprinkler Installation & Alarm Upgrade, Twin Cities Campus

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

Amend the FY02 Capital Budget by \$1,502,000 to incorporate additional funding for the Centennial Hall Fire Sprinkler Installation and Alarm Upgrade project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, East Bank Campus.

Fox reported that the project would provide added safety for student residents of Centennial Hall. Funding for the bidding and construction phase is needed in FY02 rather than FY03 because the project is ahead of schedule. The project will be funded by Housing & Residential Life reserves, with completion expected in September 2003.

In response to concerns raised by Student Representative Peterson, Mary Ann Ryan, Director of Housing & Residential Life, explained that the construction schedule has been arranged to provide the minimum disruption to students. Most construction noise would occur during the summer.

Regent Baraga urged that the project be completed as quickly as possible.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the capital budget amendment.

PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR WETLAND BANKS, FENS RESEARCH FACILITY, ZIM, MINNESOTA **Action**

Interim Vice President Fox reported that this item would be presented for action at a future meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Interim Vice President Fox drew the committee's attention to the update on the Residence Hall Life Safety Upgrade Program, as found in the docket materials, and reported that the Fraternity Houses Improvement Program item would be

presented at a future meeting.

Regent Baraga noted that this was the last meeting for the student representatives to the committee, and thanked them for their contributions over the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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