

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

March 7, 2002

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, March 7, 2002 at 9:00 a.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: Chancellors Kathryn Martin, Donald Sargeant, Samuel Schuman; Vice President Sandra Gardebring; Interim Vice President Gregory Fox; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; General Counsel Mark Rotenberg; Provost David Carl; Associate Vice Presidents Richard Pfitzenreuter, Laurie Scheich, and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Patrick Peterson and Allison Rhody.

CONSENT REPORT

Interim Vice President Fox presented the Consent Report, as found in the docket materials, which included:

- A capital budget amendment of \$367,500 to incorporate funding to replace the maintenance building at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, Minnesota.
- A capital budget amendment of \$340,000 to incorporate funding to install a fire protection sprinkler system in Skyberg Hall on the Crookston campus.
- A capital budget amendment of \$330,000 to incorporate funding to install a new roof on the Residence Hall IV student housing complex on the Morris campus.

Fox reported that the former maintenance building was destroyed in a fire on July 3, 2001. Insurance coverage will fund replacement costs and the Landscape Arboretum will fund project upgrades. The anticipated completion date is October 2002.

Fox explained that funding for the Skyberg Hall fire protection sprinkler system project would come from its building reserves. The anticipated completion date is August 2002, prior to the beginning of fall semester. Regents Baraga and Metzen requested that the committee receive a system-wide update on fire protection sprinkler systems in student housing.

Fox reported that the roof replacement project, originally scheduled as part of the 2003 capital budget, could be accelerated to the current fiscal year due to early completion of another project. Funding for the project will come from Morris campus residence hall reserves. The anticipated completion date is August 2002, prior to the beginning of fall semester.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Report.

RIVERBEND COMMONS PHASE III SITE: RESOLUTION

Action

Interim Vice President Fox presented for action a resolution related to the Riverbend Commons Phase III site, which the committee had reviewed at its February 2002 meeting. The resolution, as found in the docket materials, reserves the site for ten years for future development that would complement the architecture and uses of Riverbend Commons Phases I and II and appropriately finish the framing of Northrop Mall. Fox indicated that the site could be used for a higher priority project if deemed necessary by the Board.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the resolution.

EXTERIOR DESIGN STANDARDS, MORRIS CAMPUS: RESOLUTION

Action

Interim Vice President Fox presented for action a resolution related to the Morris campus Exterior Design Standards, as found in the docket materials, which the committee had reviewed at its December 2001 meeting.

Fox reported that similar exterior design standards have been adopted for the Twin Cities and Crookston campuses. System-wide standards provide a certain degree of uniformity, yet allow for elements unique to each campus. He added that exterior design standards for the Duluth campus are scheduled for presentation at a future meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the resolution.

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

Review

Director of Real Estate Susan Weinberg summarized the proposed perpetual conservation easements to establish wetland banks of up to 350 acres at the Fens Research Facility in Zim, Minnesota, as found in the docket materials.

Michael Lalich, Director of the Natural Resources Research Institute, gave an overview of expanded wetlands research and federal grant opportunities presented by the proposed conservation easements.

Regarding the proceeds derived from the wetland credits, Weinberg noted that the Minnesota Attorney General's Office is preparing an opinion on the matter, which could impact the percentage of funds received by the University. The item will not be presented for action until all issues are resolved.

MORRIS CAMPUS FACILITIES ISSUES: UTILITY MASTER PLAN, ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM, MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, CUSTODIAL STANDARDS

Interim Vice President Gregory Fox introduced Chancellor Samuel Schuman and Lowell Rasmussen, Associate Vice Chancellor for Physical Plant and Master Planning, who presented an overview of facilities issues on the Morris campus, as found in the materials on file in the Board Office.

Rasmussen reported that the utilities infrastructure is adequate for current campus needs, and that phased replacement plans are in place. He summarized campus energy conservation strategies and recycling efforts, but indicated that the volatility of energy costs remains a major issue for the campus, particularly with only one electrical supplier and one natural gas supplier in that area of the state.

Schuman indicated that the Morris campus is the only existing example of an early 1900s boarding agricultural high school in the nation, and that historic district designation is being sought for the campus core. Because of the age of many buildings, the campus requested capital budget funds for sprinkler system installations and Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funds for building renovations.

Schuman also commented that the campus already has a number of successful campus/community partnership facilities projects with more in the planning phase, including an integrated emergency response plan and training program.

PUBLIC ART ON CAMPUS PROCESS

Interim Vice President Fox introduced Weisman Art Museum Director Lyndel King and Public Art on Campus Coordinator Shelly Willis, who presented an overview of the public art on campus process, as found in the docket materials.

King reported that the Public Art on Campus program has been in existence since 1988, and that the University collection contains over 30 works of public art. In addition to state-funded construction projects, which may allocate one percent of funding to public art, many non-state-funded projects are including public art funding in their budgets. A University Public Art on Campus website is under development, with completion expected by summer.

QUARTERLY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REPORT (2nd Quarter FY02)

Interim Vice President Fox introduced Associate Vice President Spehn, who presented the Quarterly Capital Improvement Plan Report for the second quarter of FY02, the Major Capital Budget Project Report, the Major Project Schedule, and the Project Schedule Variance Report, as found in the materials on file in the Board Office.

Spehn gave an overview of completed projects, projects currently underway, and potential project additions, indicating that 16 of the 222 ongoing projects account for 75% of the unexpended budget balance. Several buildings are scheduled for substantial completion in spring, including the Molecular and Cellular Biology Building and Riverbend Commons. Spehn also noted that the Centennial Showboat is scheduled to arrive in St. Paul in April so that final interior construction can be completed on site.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Interim Vice President Fox and Weisman Art Museum Director Lyndel King presented the following information items, as found in the docket materials and noted below.

Fox indicated that the administration authorized the expenditure of funds for design services so that the highest priority projects contained in the University's Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) capital budget request would be able to proceed once the state government finalizes its biennial budget.

Fox reported that a new floor was installed in the Sports Pavilion to replace the floor that suffered water damage when a pipe burst on January 19, 2002. The replacement costs were covered by insurance, less the \$10,000 deductible.

King described the public art project for the Recreational Sports Building on the Twin Cities campus, then introduced the artist, Michael Cohen, who presented a functional model of the project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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