

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

October 10, 2002

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, October 10, 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, and Samuel Schuman; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice President Kathleen O'Brien; Interim Vice President Kathryn Brown; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Richard Pfutzenreuter and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Cameron Brauer and Aaron Street.

**SCHEMATIC PLANS: CENTER FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE RESEARCH,
TWIN CITIES CAMPUS
Review/Action**

Vice President O'Brien presented for review and action the schematic plans for the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research Addition project located on the Twin Cities campus, as found in the materials on file in the Board Office.

Professor Kamil Ugurbil, Director of the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, discussed the addition of a 9.4 tesla magnetic resonance system, which will maintain University investigators' position at the cutting edge of biomedical research. John Larson, RSP Architects, presented the design solution for the addition. The cost of the addition is \$2,045,000, with anticipated occupancy in Summer 2003.

In response to questions from committee members, Professor Ugurbil discussed information provided by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which has expanded beyond anatomical information and has recently focused on the non-invasive acquisition of physiological, chemical and functional information. He stated that an animal care facility within the building is maintained by Research Animal Resources, and discussed building security.

A motion was made, seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the schematic plans for the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research Addition project located on the Twin Cities campus.

**CONSENT REPORT
Review/Action**

Vice President O'Brien presented the Consent Report, as found in the docket materials, which included:

- Amend the FY 2003 Capital Budget by \$260,000 to incorporate funding for the 925 Delaware Street S.E., Minneapolis Leasehold and Telecommunication Improvements Project.
- Amend the FY 2003 Capital Budget by \$271,000 to incorporate funding for the Anderson Hall Room 150 CLANet Expansion Project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, West Bank campus.
- Amend the FY 2003 Capital Budget by \$495,000 to incorporate additional funding for the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research Addition Project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, East Bank campus.
- Authorize the acquisition of 20.36 acres in Carver County from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation.

Real Estate Director Susan Weinberg discussed renovation of leased space at 925 Delaware Street S.E., Minneapolis, which houses several Academic Health Center (AHC) units. The landlord will complete the improvements, which will cost \$373,000. The University's share is \$260,000, which will be paid by the AHC.

O'Brien discussed the Anderson Hall expansion project, which includes reconfiguring space to provide office space for CLANet staff, a server room for technology equipment, and a mechanical room to house air conditioning equipment to cool the server room. The project cost of \$271,000 will be funded by the College of Liberal Arts.

O'Brien noted that the proposal to amend the Capital Budget by \$495,000 for the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research addition was included in the previous discussion.

Weinberg discussed the acquisition of 20.36 acres in Carver County from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation for \$1.00. The land, acquired from Marvin and Caroline Hartman in exchange for an equal amount of land, was valued at \$447,920 and will provide for expansion of the Landscape Arboretum and better ecological control of the watershed.

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

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Action

Vice President O'Brien presented the following amendment to the FY 2003 Capital Budget for action, as found in the docket materials:

Southeast Steam Plant Rehabilitation, Phase I, Twin Cities Campus

- Amend the FY 2003 Capital Budget by \$11,600,000 to incorporate funding for the Southeast Steam Plant Rehabilitation, Phase I Project located on the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, East Bank campus.

In response to questions from the committee, O'Brien, Associate Vice President Spehn, and Ann McDonough, Director of Design and Construction Services, discussed the \$18 million phased rehabilitation of the Southeast Steam Plant to ensure continued function and stability of the facility. Phase I of the project, in the amount of \$11,600,000, will reduce maintenance costs, improve long-term operating efficiencies, and extend the life of the facility.

In response to a question from Regent Bergland, Regent Neel stated that the facility has the capacity to burn coal, gas, wood, and biomass materials, all subject to strict environmental regulations.

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

HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION, MORRIS CAMPUS: RESOLUTION

Chancellor Schuman discussed the initiative by the University of Minnesota Morris campus to place the West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station Historic District on the Morris Campus on the National Register of Historic Places, as found in the materials on file in the Board Office.

Schuman discussed the historic significance of the mall area and buildings. He spoke in support of the nomination, which is supported by Planning Principle #3 in the Morris Campus Master Plan and by the Alumni Associations for the West Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station and the University of Minnesota Morris.

In response to a question from Regent Neel, Schuman stated that identification of this historic area will make students and the community aware of its value and support his efforts to secure legislative and other funding for renovation of these facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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