

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Facilities Committee**

**June 12, 2003**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Lakeesha Ransom, presiding; Anthony Baraga, Clyde Allen, Frank Berman, David Metzen, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Vice Presidents Robert Jones, Kathleen O'Brien, and Charles Muscoplat; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Margaret Carlson, Gerald Fischer, Michael Perkins, Richard Pfitzenreuter, Laurie Scheich, and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Cameron Brauer and Andrew Sorsoleil.

**CONSENT REPORT**

Real Estate Director Susan Carlson Weinberg presented the Consent Report as detailed in the docket materials, including the following:

- A. Acquisition of 19.38 Acres from Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation to provide the Landscape Arboretum with native woods and ecological control of a buffer area;
- B. Agreements for J. Robinson Wrestling Camp for use of University facilities and services for its wrestling camp June 28-July 25, 2003;
- C. Agreement to Place four US Bank ATMs on the Twin Cities Campus.

In response to comments from Regent Berman regarding past negative publicity regarding the wrestling camp management, Associate Vice President Pfitzenreuter stated that he would convey his concerns to the Director of Athletics.

In response to a question from Student Representative Brauer Associate Vice President Pfitzenreuter stated that proceeds from the agreement with US Bank would be used at the institutional level to develop a program to help educate students on accruing credit card debt and to support costs related to the UCard.

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

Director of Real Estate Weinberg presented the license agreement to place twelve TCF ATMs in various Twin Cities campus locations. Details about the agreement are included in the docket materials on file in the Board Office.

Proceeds from the agreement would be used at the institutional level for costs related to supporting the UCard and for student programs.

This item will be presented for action next month.

### **DESIGN GUIDELINES: SCHOLARS WALK, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS**

Vice President O'Brien, Associate Vice President Gerald Fischer, Larry Laukka, Chief Executive Officer of the University Gateway Corporation, H. Ted Davis, Dean, Institute of Technology, and John Grundtner, University Architect, presented the design guidelines for the Scholars Walk, a pedestrian connection between the McNamara Alumni Center and Appleby Hall on the Twin Cities campus. The project celebrates and recognizes the significant academic accomplishments of faculty, alumni, and students, including Nobel Prize winners, Regents Professors and Rhodes Scholars.

Information about the Scholars Walk was included in the February 2000 docket materials, and was previously known as the Sesquicentennial Scholars Walk.

University Architect Grundtner outlined the design guidelines and timeline for installation. The design is consistent with the University master plan principles, and includes materials and landscape elements that are inexpensive, easy to maintain, and long lasting. The construction will be funded by private gifts and additional funds will be solicited to endow its maintenance and upkeep. Fischer commented that he has received positive support for the project.

Schematic plans for the Scholars Walk will be presented at a future meeting.

### **FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS**

Vice President O'Brien and Associate Vice President Spehn presented a facilities condition assessment, which is a comprehensive evaluation process of the condition of Twin Cities campus facilities. A copy of the report is on file in the Board Office.

More than 220 buildings on the Twin Cities campus were inspected by an independent consulting company in order to identify and prioritize repair and replacement needs. The inspection has resulted in a list of over 8,000 projects, including repair and replacement, maintenance and renewal, and plant adaptation. Similar inspections will be conducted in the future on the coordinate campuses.

The assessment process began three years ago, when the administration recognized the need for an inspection-based assessment that would be more detailed, help identify specific projects and establish priorities. Buildings, including residential, parking, and athletic structures were included; new buildings were not included. The assessment categorizes and classifies the needs in a consistent and comparable database, and documents the needs and estimates the costs of correcting those identified needs over a ten-year period.

In response to a question from Regent Allen, Spehn stated that the cost effectiveness of the assessment process cannot be determined until staff develops a model to evaluate the project costs. Estimated project costs will be presented at a future meeting.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice President O'Brien referred to the information item regarding the planned use of proceeds from the sale of surplus property by the West Central Research and Outreach Center.

Michael Perkins, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Project Management, whose appointment began June 1, 2003, was introduced.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

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