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**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS
Facilities Committee
November 13, 2003**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, November 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Dallas Bohnsack, presiding; Clyde Allen, Frank Berman, John Frobenius, David Metzen, and Lakeesha Ransom.

Staff present: Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Kathryn Brown and Kathleen O'Brien; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Provost David Carl; Associate Vice Presidents Michael Perkins, Richard Pfitzenreuter, and Steven Spehn.

Student Representatives present: Cameron Brauer and Andrew Sorsoleil.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: NICHOLSON HALL REHABILITATION, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

Vice President O'Brien introduced University Architect John Grundtner, who presented the Design Guidelines for the Nicholson Hall Rehabilitation. The project renovates a building located in the historic Knoll District of the Twin Cities campus. The building will provide classroom, office, and research space for several liberal arts programs. A copy of the Design Guidelines is on file in the Board Office.

Schematic Plans for the Nicholson Hall Renovation will be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: JONES HALL REHABILITATION, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

Vice President O'Brien introduced University Architect John Grundtner, who presented Design Guidelines for the Jones Hall Rehabilitation. The project renovates a building located in the historic Knoll District of the Twin Cities Campus. The building will provide office and outreach space for the College of Liberal Arts Language Center and the University's Admissions Welcome Center. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board Office.

Schematic Plans for the Jones Hall Rehabilitation will be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

ENERGY POLICY & ENERGY MASTER PLAN: POLICY ISSUES

Vice President O'Brien provided background information on Energy Policy and Energy Master Plan policy issues. The purpose of this agenda item is to address policy issues for which the administration seeks the committee's guidance. O'Brien introduced Associate Vice President Steven Spehn, and Jerome Malmquist, Director of Energy Management, who presented the item. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board

Office.

Spehn stated that the utility master plan is an operational plan that contains information regarding resource availability and deliverability related to current and future demand for each utility on the Twin Cities and St. Paul Campuses. He summarized a number of aspects, including goals, strengths, and challenges.

Spehn reported that the staff is reviewing the operational master plan and beginning to develop a strategic master plan, which will include policies and “best practices” within energy management. The plan will address: 1) buying and selling power on the open market; 2) standards for reliability; 3) principles to guide decisions regarding utilities; and 4) the role the institution plays in promoting new technology and resources in the energy field. This plan is anticipated to enhance staff’s effectiveness to prepare for long-range utility requirements.

SIX-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vice President O’Brien and Associate Vice President Michael Perkins presented for discussion policy issues that guide the development of the Six-Year Capital Plan. The presentation was designed to introduce the important policy issues relating to facilities side in the six-year capital planning process. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board Office.

O’Brien summarized the process by which capital projects are proposed, analyzed, and evaluated for possible inclusion in a six-year capital plan. She discussed the policy questions that relate to programmatic and facilities needs, which are the foundation for the plan, including:

1. How does the University determine what capital projects need to get done? How are the capital projects prioritized and sequenced?
2. As an institution are we improving our stewardship and the sustainability of the University’s physical infrastructure?
3. Is the University investing capital funds in the appropriate ratio between “taking care of what we have” and “building for the future”? When should we remodel/renew, demolish, or build new?
4. Is the University getting value for its capital investments? What are the cost components of representative projects?
5. What are we doing to improve? What policy issues should we consider?

O’Brien presented the status of the facilities condition assessment, and Perkins summarized the cost accounting and budget format the administration currently uses to categorize the components of project costs and provided examples of how costs of several recent projects are broken down by those components. He discussed developing a benchmark to improve tracking and reporting project costs. A lengthy discussion ensued and Regents made several suggestions regarding ways to enhance the information provided to the committee.

CONSENT REPORT

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Report as detailed in the docket materials and including the following:

- Amend the FY 2004 Capital Budget by \$458,500 to incorporate additional funding for the Biological Sciences 2nd, 3rd, and 6th floors Laboratory Renovation project located on the Twin Cities campus.
- Amend the FY 2004 Capital Budget by \$350,000 to incorporate additional funding for the Humanities Fine Arts Building Roof Repair/Replacement project located on the Morris campus.
- Amend the FY 2004 Capital Budget by \$370,000 to incorporate additional funding of the Fairview Riverside campus leasehold improvement project located at 2512 – 7th Street South, Minneapolis.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Vice President O'Brien noted the information items included in the docket materials, including:
- Mayo Rochester Project Update;
- Public Art for the Cargill Center for Microbial and Plant Genomics

O'Brien referred the committee to correspondence relating to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center and announced that two real estate transactions for the Academic Health Center will be presented at a future meeting of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

ANN D. CIESLAK
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary