

SCFP SUBCOMMITTEE ON TWIN CITIES FACILITIES AND SUPPORT
SERVICES (STCFSS)
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

[In these minutes: Andersen Library/Minnesota Library Access Center; Review Charge; Approval of April 19, 2004 Minutes; Brainstorm Agenda Items for 2005 – 2006 Academic Year; Change in Meeting Time]

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PRESENT: Calvin Alexander, chair, Elizabeth Anderson, Peggy Johnson, Denny Olsen, Gary A. Davis, Gordon Girtz, Gary Jahn, Lyndel King, Howard Towle, George Wilcox, Jennifer Hannaford

REGRETS: Carrie Meyer, Steve Fitzgerald, Richard Straumann, Laurie Scheich, Steve Spohn, Patrice Morrow

ABSENT: Lorelee Wederstrom, Brian Horgan

I). Professor Alexander called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. He noted that this will be his last year serving as chair of this committee, and asked members eligible to serve in this capacity to consider doing so next year. Following this announcement, he asked members to go around the room and introduce themselves.

II). Professor Alexander delightedly reported that the climate control system in the underground portion of Andersen Library, the Minnesota Library Access Center, was successful in controlling temperature and humidity levels this summer. He asked that the minutes reflect this success story because a lot of hard work on the part of Library staff, Facility Management staff and others went into making this happen.

III). The Subcommittee on Twin Cities Facilities and Support Services (STCFSS) charge was distributed to members. Professor Alexander read the charge aloud as members followed along. He noted that the primary responsibility of the subcommittee is to review University support service operations.

In response to a question regarding the ex-officio membership of the committee, it was noted that the number of ex-officio members on the committee will remain the same as in previous years. Today, however, three of these members were forced to send their regrets, Steve Fitzgerald, Laurie Scheich and Steve Spohn. Professor Alexander noted that these ex-officio members play an important role in the activities of the committee. Additionally, a question regarding student membership arose. It was noted that Jennifer Hannaford fills one of the student vacancies and hopefully additional student

appointments will be made once Student Committee on Committees meets the first week in October. Professor Alexander acknowledged the importance of student members.

IV). Members unanimously approved the April 19th minutes.

V). Next, members brainstormed agenda items for the 2005 – 2006 academic year. The following ideas were generated:

- Ascertain the University's plans, if any, for dealing with storm water mitigation and high water table issues at the proposed stadium site. Invite the stadium consultant to discuss the rain garden scenario that has been proposed to deal with these water infiltration issues.
- Invite the FCC member who will be serving on the relevant strategic positioning steering committee to share information about the strategic positioning process. Then, as appropriate, weigh in on strategic planning issues that would come under the jurisdiction of STCFSS.
- Invite Lincoln Kallsen from the Office of Budget and Finance to provide members with information concerning the new budget model. Members are particularly interested in learning how this new model will impact the funding of common/public goods.
- Learn more about the proposed Coffman Memorial Union light rail station. Like the stadium, this underground line will likely face water table and hydrogeology issues. Invite Orlyn Miller and/or Harvey Turner from Capital Planning and Project Management to share what they know about this project.
- Receive information about the University's public art program's master plan (<http://www.weisman.umn.edu/public/public.html>). Committee member, Lyndel King, agreed to provide members with information about this program at the committee's February 21, 2006 meeting.
- Request SCFP Chair Professor Morrison canvas the membership of SCFP to see if they have specific items they would like STCFSS to address.

Professor Alexander requested that as members think of other items that they email him (alexa001@umn.edu) or Renee Dempsey, Senate staff (demps005@umn.edu).

Additionally, Professor Alexander noted that he plans to set up a meeting with Professor Morrison to discuss the committee's agenda for the year.

VI). New Business: Professor Alexander reported that for room scheduling reasons, STCFSS's meeting time has been changed slightly. Instead of meeting from 10:00 – 11:30, the committee will meet from 10:15 – 11:45. A member requested Ms. Dempsey resend the committee's 2005 – 2006 meeting schedule.

VII). Hearing no further business, Professor Alexander adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate