

SCFP SUBCOMMITTEE ON TWIN CITIES FACILITIES AND SUPPORT
SERVICES (STCFSS)
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 18, 2006

[In these minutes: Debrief from April 11, 2006 Meeting and Brainstorm Agenda Items for 2006 – 2007]

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PRESENT: Calvin Alexander, chair, Steve Fitzgerald, Peggy Johnson, Laurie Scheich, Steve Spehn, Gary A. Davis, Gordon Girtz, Patrice Morrow, George Wilcox, Jennifer Hannaford

REGRETS: Elizabeth Anderson, Denny Olsen, Lorelee Wederstrom, Gary Jahn, Lyndel King, Howard Towle

ABSENT: Brian Horgan

I). Professor Alexander called the meeting to order.

II). Members debriefed after last week's Gopher stadium meeting. Members voiced their concerns over the impact a Gopher stadium and construction of bio-medical buildings would have on the amount of inexpensive surface parking. A suggestion was made to have one of the committee's fall 2006 meetings devoted to receiving an update on the University's multiple land commitments, which have been earmarked for parking, light rail and new construction.

A member asked whether, in the course of all this new construction, water tables, pondage and other related issues are being taken into consideration. Professor Alexander stated that he is serving on the Storm Water Linkage Committee that is looking into these concerns.

A question concerning the status of Andersen Library was also raised. It was noted that a consultant had been brought in to do a major redesign of Andersen Library, and significant progress has been made in remedying many of the building's problems. Andersen Library will always, however, be a high maintenance building.

It was suggested that in fall 2006, the committee receive an update on the many projects that it has spent a great deal of time monitoring and discussing over the years. This recommendation segued into a question regarding the status of the East River Road Garage. Ms. Scheich reported that in May, work will commence on a permanent solution to the garage's icing problem.

A member stated that a lesson to be learned from the multitude of construction problems encountered by the University is that expertise from University trades people should be sought on all projects and that the work of outside contractors should be scrutinized thoroughly before the University signs off on a project.

A motion was made to have a representative from Capital Planning and Project Management (CPPM) serve ex-officio on STCFSS. Those present unanimously voted to pass this motion, but because there was not a quorum, Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, was charged with conducting an email vote.

Members spent the remainder of the meeting brainstorming STCFSS agenda items for the 2006 - 2007 academic year. The following ideas were generated:

- Campus Master Plan update.
- University Services reorganization update.
- Office of Classroom Management (OCM) update.
- Provide input into the food, beverage and vending RFPs, which will be put out for bid in early 2007. These contracts will expire in 2008.

II). Members thanked Professor Alexander for chairing this committee for the past two years. In turn, Professor Alexander thanked Renee Dempsey for her support and members of the committee for their participation. Hearing no further business, Professor Alexander adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate