

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Facilities Committee**

**March 11, 2004**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 9:45 a.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 Samuel Schuman; Senior Vice President Robert Jones; Vice Presidents Kathleen O'Brien and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Michael Perkins and Laurie Scheich.

Student Representatives present: Cameron Brauer and Andrew Sorsoleil.

**SPORTS FIELDS & FACILITIES DISTRICT PLAN: COOKE HALL, FIELD HOUSE RENOVATION, RECREATIONAL SPORTS ADDITION, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS: RESOLUTION**

Vice President O'Brien presented the Resolution Related to the University of Minnesota Sports Fields and Facilities District Plan(s), Cooke Hall/Field House Renovation and Recreational Sports Addition, as found in the docket materials. O'Brien referred the committee to pages 17-20 of the District Plan distributed at the meeting and on file in the Board Office. She described a proposed new entrance to the Field House to serve as a lobby for the building and provide a better connection to Cooke Hall and the Recreational Sports Center and noted that the District Plan provides guidance for predesigns, design guidelines, and project development as part of the Six-Year Capital Plan.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Resolution Related to the Sports Fields and Facilities District Plan: Cooke Hall, Field House Renovation, Recreational Sports Addition, Twin Cities campus. **REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

**Purchase of 2221 University Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis**

Associate Vice President Pfutzenreuter and Susan Carlson Weinberg, Director of Real Estate, presented the item. Pfutzenreuter reported that due to a change in the financing available for the purchase of the property, the action requested of the Board is: that the appropriate administrative officers receive authorization to execute the appropriate documents providing for the purchase of the property of 2221 University Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis. He acknowledged that this is a change from the docket materials and will result in a lower interest rate.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the purchase of 2221 University Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis.

**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Mondale Hall Classroom Electrical Upgrades, Twin Cities Campus**

Vice President O'Brien summarized the proposal to amend the FY2004 capital budget by \$985,000 to incorporate

funding for the Mondale Hall Classroom and Library Electrical Upgrade project located on the Twin Cities campus, as described in the docket materials in the Board Office. The Law School proposes to upgrade electrical power to portions of the building and install electrical receptacles at all seats in large classrooms as a preliminary step to a future mandatory laptop computer requirement for students.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Capital Budget Amendment: Mondale Hall Classroom Electrical Upgrades, Twin Cities campus.

### **Housing Fire Protection, Morris Campus**

Vice President O'Brien presented the proposal to amend the FY2004 capital budget for \$400,000 to incorporate additional funding for the Housing Fire Protection project located on the Morris campus, as described in the docket materials. The project includes installation or upgrades of sprinkler systems and fire alarms in three residence halls on the Morris campus, as part of a plan to complete fire protection for all residence halls.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the capital budget amendment for Housing Fire Protection, Morris campus.

In response to a comment, Chancellor Schuman explained that additional funds are needed because the piping and electrical utilities are embedded in masonry, making renovations and upgrades very costly. Funding for the remaining residence halls on the Morris campus will be included in the next capital bonding request.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the capital budget amendment.

### **REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

#### **Permanent Easement to Metropolitan Council for Outflow for Empire Wastewater Treatment Facility, Rosemount**

Vice President O'Brien reported that the Metropolitan Council requested that this item be withdrawn, as its plans are being redefined.

### **FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT & COMPARISON TO PEERS**

Associate Vice President Spehn presented the Facilities Condition Assessment, a comprehensive evaluation process on the condition of the Twin Cities campus facilities and infrastructure portfolio. A copy of the report is on file in the Board Office.

Spehn described the purposes of the assessment, which are to:

- identify facility needs for ten years;
- shift from a depreciation model to an inspection-based process;
- provide a tool for master planning, facilities programming, and capital and financial planning;
- create a central repository of facility needs information; and
- improve processes to assist with careful stewardship.

Spehn summarized how the data was obtained, priorities were identified and classified, and costs were estimated by priority class, system code, and timeline. The data collected will help set funding priorities, provide technical information for project planning, and assist the central budget office and academic units with strategic decision making.

Several committee members commented that the report is beneficial when developing a funding strategy for future projects, for addressing priorities and future space needs, and to prepare the Six-Year Capital Budget.

### **CONSENT REPORT**

Vice President O'Brien presented the Consent Report as detailed in the docket materials and including:

- Amend the FY2004 Capital Budget by \$500,000 to incorporate funding for the Griggs Field Turf Replacement project located on the Duluth Campus.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Consent Report.

In response to questions, University of Minnesota Duluth Vice Chancellor Gregory Fox explained that because the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference does not permit women's soccer to be played on AstroTurf surfaces, the turf must be replaced if the UMD women's soccer team plays on campus for the 2004-05 season. The administration had discussed postponing this request to the regular budget cycle, but brought it forward now to allow the work to be done during the summer when students are not on campus.

Several committee members expressed concern over the timing of the request and recommended developing a timeline for capital requests and a contingency plan to address similar issues.

The committee voted by a majority of four to two to recommend approval of the Consent Report. Regents Berman and Frobenius voted against the motion.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Vice President O'Brien reported on several items for future meetings of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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