

**Year 2003-04**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
Facilities Committee  
October 9, 2003**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, October 9, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the Recital Hall, Room 160 Humanities and Fine Arts Building on the University of Minnesota Morris campus.

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

Staff present: Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice President Kathleen O'Brien; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice Presidents Michael Perkins and Richard Pfitzenreuter.

Student Representatives present: Cameron Brauer and Andrew Sorsoleil.

**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**A. Phillips-Wangensteen Vascular Biology Center/Hebbel Lab Remodeling, Twin Cities Campus**

Vice President O'Brien presented the Capital Budget Amendment for additional funding for the Vascular Biology Center/Hebbel Laboratory Remodeling project in the Phillips-Wangensteen Building. The project began in July 2002 as a retention commitment to Dr. Robert Hebbel to establish a Vascular Biology Center. After completing the pre-design planning for the project it was determined that the funding approved for the project in the FY2004 Capital Budget was not adequate to renovate the entire space.

Senior Vice President Cerra addressed the programmatic elements of the project, stating that cardiovascular sciences are a major priority area in the Medical School and the interdisciplinary, inter-professional programs of the Academic Health Center. In response to a question, Cerra indicated that funds for this retention offer were previously budgeted and will not come from financial reserves.

A motion was made and seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Capital Budget Amendment.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION**

**A. 2004 U.S. Transplant Games: Agreement for Facilities & Services, Twin Cities Campus**

Vice President O'Brien introduced the proposed host agreement with the National Kidney Foundation for the 2004 U.S. Transplant Games. The Transplant Games are a national athletic competition for individuals who have

received a life-sustaining organ transplant and their family members and spectators. The University, through the Academic Health Center and the National Kidney Foundation, would provide facilities and services and receive an estimated \$500,000, an amount that covers costs only and does not result in a profit for the institution.

A motion was made and seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the real estate transaction.

**SCHEMATIC PLANS: ST. PAUL CHILLED WATER FACILITY, PHASE I, PART A,  
(DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM),  
TWIN CITIES CAMPUS**

Vice President O'Brien provided background information on Phase I of the St. Paul Chilled Water Facility, as included in the docket materials on file in the Board Office. Obsolete chillers in existing buildings on the St. Paul campus will be replaced with a central chilled water plant connected to campus buildings by a system of underground distribution.

Associate Vice President Perkins and Michael Denny, consultant, presented the design elements of the distribution system of the chilled water facility. Perkins noted that Phase I involves three parts: an underground piping distribution system, the plant facility and electrical distribution system, and building connections to the infrastructure. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board Office.

In response to a question, Perkins stated that the project is still in the design phase and exact costs are unknown, but added that Phase I of the project will connect as many critical buildings as possible within the portion of the state appropriation for the University 2002 HEAPR funds that the University allocated to the project.

University Architect John Grundtner presented the Schematic Plans for the distribution piping system. He stated that this distribution system places piping in areas adjacent to buildings with obsolete chillers and will have sufficient capacity to allow future expansion. Grundtner summarized the estimated installation costs as outlined in the docket materials.

A copy of the schematic plans is on file in the Board Office.

A motion was made and seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Schematic Plans for the St. Paul Chilled Water Facility, Phase I, Part A (Distribution System).

**DESIGN GUIDELINES: ST. PAUL CHILLED WATER FACILITY, PHASE I, PART B, (CHILLED  
WATER PLANT),  
TWIN CITIES CAMPUS**

Associate Vice President O'Brien introduced University Architect John Grundtner, who addressed the proposed site plan for Phase I, Part B, Chilled Water Plant. Two sites on the St. Paul campus are being evaluated for the plant: the abandoned Natural Resource Science (NRS) Building and a site located north of Buford Avenue. Grundtner summarized how the NRS Building would be remodeled to accommodate the chilled water plant,

adding that the appearance of the building would not be greatly modified. In response to a question, Michael Denny, consultant, Capital Planning and Project Management, stated that utilizing the NRS Building would result in significant cost savings to the university.

Grundtner summarized the second option located north of Buford Avenue and south of Buford Place. O'Brien stated that this site is envisioned as an area of future campus expansion and that no buildings are currently planned for the site.

Schematic Plans for Part I, Phase B, Chilled Water Plant, will be presented at a future meeting of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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