



# Facilities Subcommittee

(a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee)

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 29  
**Time:** 12:02 to 12:52 p.m.  
**Location:** 268 KSC

# Minutes

*Status:*  
Approved 11/12/14

**Present:** Laurie Fosnacht, Steve Bardolph, David Worley, Jane Hovland, John King, Pat Keenan, Harlan Stech, , Laura Lott, Gina Pudlick, Mark Nierengarten, Alek Mintz, Hannah Keil, William Salmon, Geoff Bell, BreAnn Graber (Staff Support), John Rashid (Guest)  
*Excused:* Rebecca Teasley, Mindy Granley

### Call to order—

Chair Pat Keenan called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014.

### Approval of Minutes—

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting was seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion to approve the Oct. 15 minutes was carried on unanimous vote.

### Links to Share—

Pat Keenan briefly talked about where to access [Shared Governance](http://www.d.umn.edu/chancellor/) through the Chancellor’s website (<http://www.d.umn.edu/chancellor/>) and how to view the [Master Plan](http://www.d.umn.edu/fm/) through the Facilities Management website (<http://www.d.umn.edu/fm/>). Keenan indicated that an overview of the Master Plan would be provided in a future meeting—most likely presented by John Rashid of Facilities Management (FM).

### Facility Condition Assessment (FCA)—

Guest John Rashid of Facilities Management (FM) went over the Facility Condition Assessment (FCA)—pointing out the color-coded FCNI Scale, which ranged from .10 (excellent condition-green) to >.60 (replacement indicated-red), is calculated by the “10-Year Need Cost” divided by the “Replacement Cost.” While low scores reflect how well UMD FM is maintaining its facilities, it also means that fewer resources will be allocated to UMD for facility maintenance. The Research Laboratory Building (built in 1926) scored .69, while Heller Hall, A.B. Anderson Hall and the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) scored .54, .57 and .50 respectively. Although these buildings have high scores—which means their facilities are in relatively rough shape—they may not necessarily receive a Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) allocation due to limited funding and other factors.

The projects that are selected to receive HEAPR funds may change from one funding scenario to another. There may be a building rated in worse shape, but the amount needed to improve it is more than UMD receives, so a project requiring less funding may get priority. Based on UMD’s FCA, the Duluth campus receives 8.7% of the University system’s allocation—which is slightly down from its previous 9.3% allocation—revealing that the condition of UMD’s buildings tended to be better than those on the Twin Cities campus.

Members asked who does the assessment and what exactly is assessed. Rashid explained that a group of consultants—hired by the system, but paid for by UMD FM—assess only buildings that are eligible for HEAPR funding. For example, the Health Services building and residence halls are not eligible for HEAPR funding so they are not assessed. The consultants examine HVAC and electrical systems, roofs, windows, etc. to get a full picture of how well the building is doing. Last year, funding was directed to Cina Hall and the Tweed Museum. This year’s allocation is still being discussed; however, putting more money toward Cina Hall and the Sports and Health Center are being considered. A new HVAC system must be installed before the Romano Gymnasium’s floor can be replaced (so the floor can maintain its integrity in the climate-controlled environment).

A member asked about who is responsible for outdoor surfaces. Rashid mentioned how many projects are partnering projects, where multiple departments or units contribute funds to a project. UMD FM has used plant funds for replacement and/or repairs. *Note:* Plant funds are non-recurring, multi-year savings funds primarily derived from previous years' carry forward balances. They are used to fund capital improvement projects and campus infrastructure changes/additions.

Rashid mentioned how there are contractors that look at half of UMD's roofs one year and the other half the following year—in a separate assessment. He also explained how HEAPR projects must be kept completely separate from other projects done on campus.

#### **Fencing—**

Guest John Rashid talked to the group about how the Master Plan aims to create a true visitor experience/entrance. Right now, there are parking lots from all directions. One of the recommendations was the connection on Woodland Avenue—connecting Blue Stone to campus—which has been completed. The fact that some fencing must be taken down during the steam line replacement project (in summer 2015) creates an opportunity to explore the possibility of opening up campus. Some could argue that fencing protects scheduling of fields and limits usage/damage; others could argue that UMD should keep the fences down to promote activity and engage the community.

Members talked about how students may appreciate a more direct route to and/or from the Chester Park building; however, an unintentional path will probably be created, which may damage the grounds. Rashid pointed out that the Master Plan had actually put a more direct path for students traveling from Chester to the rest of campus, so making the unintended path an official traveling path could be an option. Upon being asked whether a pathway by field 3 to Chester could be priced out, Rashid thought that was a possibility.

A member suggested it seems to make financial sense to keep the fences down to see how it goes—at least for a trial period—since funding would be needed for replacement fencing. At tight budget times, a trial period seems logical. It was also suggested that appropriate signage could be posted—something to the effect of “This is available for booking. Call xxx” to communicate the message that reservations are recommended or needed. This would also cut down on any potential conflicts between groups trying to use fields at the same time. Although there would be costs for signage, it would most likely be less than fencing.

Chair Pat Keenan suggested that the Facilities Subcommittee hear from members of the Recreation Sports and Outdoor Program (RSOP) and Athletics at an upcoming meeting so the Committee could gain perspective on the matter.

#### **Strategic Planning & Budget (SP&B) Committee Update—**

The SP&B Committee has been mainly discussing the recurring budget deficit. They will be having budget brainstorming sessions in addition to their regularly scheduled meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned 12:52 p.m.**