



Facilities Committee

(a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee)

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014
Time: 12:05 p.m. to 12:56 p.m.
Location: 520 DAdB

Minutes

Status:
Approved 10/15/14

Present: Laurie Fosnacht, William Salmon, Steve Bardolph, David Worley, John King, Jane Hovland, Geoff Bell, Pat Keenan, Harlan Stech, Rebecca Teasley, Laura Lott, BreAnn Graber (Staff Support), John Rashid (Guest)

Excused: Gina Pudlick, Mindy Granley, Mark Nierengarten

Note: Two students to be appointed.

Call to order—

Interim Chair Pat Keenan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.

Introductions—

Members of the Facilities Subcommittee introduced themselves—sharing what area they represent.

Approval of Minutes—

A motion to approve the minutes was seconded. After clarification that the proposed rewording would replace the previous wording, the minutes were approved on unanimous vote.

Chair and Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect—

Patrick Keenan, chair of the FY14 Facilities Subcommittee, discussed the current mode of operation of electing a chair and vice-chair—with the vice-chair not necessarily becoming the chair the following year. The possibility of adopting a chair/chair-elect structure was discussed. Although this would provide the committee with some continuity, members feared that the two-year time commitment that a chair-elect required would too severely reduce the pool of available members to serve as chair-elect. Particular ex-officio members of the committee could potentially change year to year and sabbaticals, retirements and schedule changes could alter a member’s ability to commit to a two-year term.

The committee decided to continue with the chair and vice-chair structure. Although Keenan and Rebecca Teasley were nominated to serve as chair, elections were tabled since student representatives to the committee had yet to be assigned.

Meeting Schedule—

Keenan confirmed with the group that the meeting schedule would be every other Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. during fall semester. Some committee members suggested meeting in a more central location. Future meetings could potentially take place in the Kirby Student Center (pending availability).

Review of Committee’s Charge—

The following charge of the committee was reviewed:

The Facilities subcommittee shall have overall responsibility for the initial development and periodic revisions to the long-range physical facilities plan and work with campus units on the Campus Master Plan. The subcommittee shall review and monitor all capital project requests in accordance with the Campus Master Plan, the UMD Strategic Plan, and the campus budget plans with the Strategic Planning & Budget Committee. The subcommittee will foster continued communication with Administration and make recommendations to the appropriate standing committees or councils as necessary.

Keenan clarified that the Facilities Subcommittee is to review and monitor—not to approve. Information may be presented to the committee to help guide its recommendations. Any recommendations that the Facilities Subcommittee proposes, are shared with the appropriate vice chancellor(s). Although information might flow through the Strategic

Planning and Budget Committee and University Coordinating Council (UCC), there is no formalized approval process from one committee to the next.

Land and Water Conservation Act (LAWCON) - Bagley Nature Center—

Facilities Management Director John King shared some history regarding the Bagley Nature Area. The Bagley family originally gifted UMD 14.5 acres of the Bagley Nature Area. In 1967, UMD applied for the U.S. Department of Interior Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) grant, which was approved and funded by the federal and state government—through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR).

The purpose of the grant program was to create recreational space. In 1975, there was an agreement to create a 26-acre park; however, the 26 acres was never delineated. By 1991, the Bagley Nature Area totaled 57 acres. MNDNR now wants UMD to identify which 26 acres of land had been (and is) supported by the grant.

King displayed a series of maps—which Erik Larson of Facilities Management put together—to show a few possibilities of how Bagley could be delineated. Members of the committee indicated they would like Erik Larson to attend a future meeting to discuss the configurations and what kind of impact each would have on the Area and UMD's ability to grow or develop. The committee was also interested in hearing from Tim Bates, who serves on the Bagley Advisory Management Committee—particularly the rationale behind proposal A being favored by the Bagley committee. Members were also interested in hearing what exactly is currently happening within the Bagley Nature Area, including long-term research that might be taking place. Members also wanted to know whether the 26 acres that gets chosen is liquid or must always be the same 26 acres that is protected.

Project Updates—

Guest John Rashid of Facilities Management provided a brief update on the following UMD projects:

- *Dining Services Renovation*: Architectural Resources was selected to do the work.
- *Kirby Renovation*: In the design phase with LHB Architects; will cause certain offices (including Quick Care) to be disrupted.
- *Greenhouse Project*: Fully-funded; should have a schematic review soon.
- *HEAPR (Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement) Projects*: UMD received \$3.72M to do an HVAC upgrade in Cina Hall and Tweed Museum. HVAC upgrade needed in Romano Gymnasium before a new floor can be installed.
- *Chemical Science and Advanced Materials (CSAM) Building*: Legislature provided monies to start design work, which will go through the State Design Selection Board.
- *Ven Den*: Asbestos abatement has been done and demolition is set to begin. The renovation will give it a new look.

Rashid also mentioned that there will be a steam line replacement through the ball fields in summer of 2015, which will require some fencing to be removed. He would like to receive a recommendation from the Facilities Subcommittee on whether the fencing should be permanently removed, or new fencing should be purchased.

Member Steve Bardolph asked about whether the parking study was underway. Keenan is working with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities on five different consultant companies and will most likely send out an RFP within the month of October. Rather than a parking structure feasibility study, it will take a broad view of the current parking situation and current and future parking needs on UMD campus.

Future Topics of Discussion—

Potential future topics of discussion included: Facility Condition Assessment (FCA)—new calculation for HEAPR, Master Plan, fencing, greenhouse schematic review. Members were also encouraged to send potential agenda items to committee staff support BreAnn Graber.

Meeting Adjourned 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

BreAnn Graber