

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Facilities Committee

December 13, 2007

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: David Metzen, presiding; Anthony Baraga, Dallas Bohnsack, Maureen Cisneros, David Larson, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Chancellors Charles Casey, Jacqueline Johnson, Stephen Lemkuhle, and Kathryn Martin; Vice Presidents Steven Cawley and Kathleen O'Brien; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; and Associate Vice President Michael Perkins.

Student Representatives present: Nathan Olson and Meghan Keil.

SCHEMATIC PLANS

A. Civil Engineering Building, Duluth Campus

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following action:

The schematic plans for the Civil Engineering Building, Duluth campus, are approved and the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to proceed with the award of contracts, the development of construction documents, and construction.

Chancellor Martin introduced John Rashid, Associate Director of Facilities Management on the Duluth campus, James Riehl, Dean of the College of Science and Engineering on the Duluth campus, and Carol Ross Barney, project architect, to present the plans for the proposed building. Ross Barney presented information on the location, design, and rationale for the project and Rashid explained the financing plan.

In response to a question from Regent Larson, Diehl reported that the civil engineering program will not duplicate the Twin Cities program because it will focus on the needs of Northeast Minnesota, particularly the mining industry. In response to a question from Regent Baraga, Diehl explained that the need for civil engineering graduates has intensified in recent years because of the growth of the environmental movement.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of schematic plans for the Civil Engineering Building, Duluth campus.

UPDATE: TWIN CITIES CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Vice President O'Brien informed the committee that the purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the structure and process being utilized to update the Twin Cities Campus Master Plan. She introduced Orlyn Miller, Director of Campus Planning, to provide background information on the current master plan. Miller explained that a master plan is developed in order to establish a framework for the long-term future of a campus and that the current Twin Cities Campus Master Plan was approved by the Board of Regents in 1996.

Professor Judith Martin, Co-chair of the Master Plan Steering Committee, explained that the committee was charged with updating the plan by focusing on such things as growing the campus rather than building facilities, instilling the principles of sustainability, and optimizing the connection to the Mississippi River. She reported that work teams have been formed and are working on the plan update in the following areas:

- Campus enhancements;
- Natural features and open spaces;
- Movement and access;
- Community connections, collaborative ventures, and safety; and
- Design and preservation.

O'Brien reported that public open forums had been held on the east and west bank portions of the Minneapolis campus and the St. Paul campus during spring 2007. She explained that the steering committee will continue working throughout 2008 and that the Board will act on the update to the master plan in late 2008 or early 2009.

In response to a question from Regent Baraga, O'Brien confirmed that one of the work teams is focusing specifically on the impact of design decisions for the central corridor light rail line. In response to a question from Regent Simmons, O'Brien stated that the current plan is too general and that more detail is needed in the updated plan. Martin added that the steering committee is paying significant attention to the details of campus operations.

CONSENT REPORT

There were no Consent Report items this month.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items this month.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary