

Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee April 28, 2004

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CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

3:05–3:35 p.m. – Regents Room

Present: Jeff Carlson, Ken Gilbertson, Susan Johnson, John King, Paul Kiprof, Bob Krumwiede, Mick McComber, Michael Mullins, Neale Roth, Dave Schmalenberger, Jim Shearer.

Excused: Rodger Brannan, Matt DeWerff, Joe Prohaska, Charles Stech.

I. Approval of Minutes – March 31, 2004

Minutes of the March 31, 2004 meeting were approved.

II. Old Business

A. Discuss/Approve Parking Issues Memo

The committee discussed the draft memo to Greg Fox, which was e-mailed to all members on 04/15/04. Members requested the following changes to the memo:

- Expand the request that existing and future parking plans be reviewed against the Campus Master Plan.
- Change the request that the outlined items of concern be addressed in any existing or future campus parking plans (instead of in the Campus Master Plan).
- Change the first specific item of concern to reference academic and business needs and to include academic classes and Recreational Sports programs in the examples provided.

Members approved the memo as revised.

• Rock Pond Update

Ken Gilbertson and John King updated members on the Rock Pond exotics elimination plan. Facilities Management will begin draining the pond on Tuesday, May 4. Exotics will be eliminated by seining, with gulls taking care of the balance. The pond will be kept dry as possible until May 14, when it will be allowed to refill. During the draining period there will be information and signage to educate the public as to the nature and reason for the activities occurring there. Education efforts are also planned to discourage littering or any future introduction of exotic species into the pond.

III. New Business

A. UMD Building Naming Review

Members were provided with a packet of materials supporting naming the University for Seniors space as the University for Seniors Robert N. Brownlee Center. Lynn Burbank made a brief presentation regarding the history of the program and the impact of Robert Brownlee, who provided a substantial endowment. She clarified that the group was not necessarily seeking to designate part of a building with the recommended name, but rather that they wished any space that they occupy to be given the name.

With these changes, the University for Seniors request is for the following:

- That the current space, or any future space the program occupies, be known as the "University for Seniors Robert N. Brownlee Center" (but that the physical space not be officially named in the space database);
- That appropriate, movable signage be installed to designate the space as indicated above;
- That plaques honoring Jory Peterson and Janet Hoag for their contributions to the University for Seniors program could be hung in the two classrooms or in the meeting space used by the University for Seniors but that the classrooms should not be named in their honor.

The committee discussed issues and concerns regarding the naming of interior spaces; members noted that there is a tradition of, for the most part, not naming interior spaces. With the change to associate the name with the program, rather than the space, the committee vote was unanimous in support of the request. A letter of support will be sent on to the Chancellor.

Members suggested that a written protocol for interior space naming, associated with programs rather than space, should be developed. This will be a topic for discussion next year.

This was the final meeting of the 2003-2004 academic year. Members will be contacted in September to schedule the fall semester meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Erickson

Handouts: Nomination packet for building naming. (Sent to absent/excused members on 04/29/04.) Agenda and minutes e-mailed to members on 04/22/04.

10/21/04: copies to Wendy Larrivy and ca_minutes@d.umn.edu.