

General Faculties Council
CAMPUS AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 6
March 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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Voting Members

Getachew Assefa, Academic Co-Chair
Jessica Ayala
Bart Becker
John Bertram
Linda Dalgetty – arrived during Item 4
Michele Jacobsen
Nancy Pollock-Ellwand

Non- Voting Members

Justin Huseby
Robert Scorey

Regrets

Kevin McQuillan, Co-Chair
Reda Alhajj
Tavis Campbell
Peter Kusalik
Levi Nilson
Mike Webster

Guests

Jane Ferrabee, University Architect – present for Items 5 and 8
Jon Greggs, Director, Campus Planning – present for Item 4 and 7

Observer

Boris Dragicevic, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Development)

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

The Academic Co-Chair called the meeting to order, and confirmed quorum at 9:21 a.m. Boris Dragicevic, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Development), was introduced to the Committee as an observer.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the March 29, 2016 Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Academic Co-Chair

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting held on January 19, 2016 be approved.

Carried

4. Workshop Facilities on Campus

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jon Greggs, Director, Campus Planning, and Rob Scorey, Schulich School of Engineering, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee learned that the workshop facilities on the University's campuses include general, research-related, and teaching-related workshops, a lock shop, millwright shop, repair shops, and a bike repair shop
- The Committee discussed the duplication of workshop services and equipment, and the possibility to combine facilities. The Committee discussed the potential of co-locating workshops (possibly at the periphery of the main campus), sharing resources and equipment, and that some equipment could be leased rather than purchased.
- Following discussion, the Committee recommended that Campus Planning form a working group to study the workshops on the University's campuses, and to explore possible changes to their location and administration. The working group would report to the Deputy Provost, who could inform the Committee or bring items to the Committee for discussion and feedback.

5. Long Range Development Plan Update

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jane Ferrabee, University Architect, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committee received an update on recent activities relating to the development of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), including consultation with neighborhood and City of Calgary stakeholders
- The Committee was informed that:
 - A website will be used to post the comments and questions gathered during the consultation process, and that answers to the questions will also be posted

- A public transit centre is being planned for the area north of the Kinesiology complex
 - Plans are being developed to operate a shuttle between the Foothills campus, the Alberta Children's Hospital, and the main campus, as there is a need for this
- The Committee learned that feedback has been received relating to the proposed pedestrian and bicycle pathway system, vehicular and parking system, open spaces system, and land use plan. The Committee discussed some of the specific comments that have been received relating to these, including:
 - People generally appreciate the grid plan for the pedestrian and bicycle movement
 - There is an appetite for dedicated cycling paths, so that bicycles could travel at higher speed, and to address conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles in the centre of the campus
 - It has been suggested that the entry points to campus should continue to be strengthened (e.g. with bold signage) in order to establish a University identity
 - Landscaping and open space surrounding buildings is important to maintaining an attractive and inviting campus
 - The northeast corner of the main campus is not well lit at night, and this should be addressed as it is a safety issue
 - As campus development progresses there will be a need for additional on-campus parking so that the surrounding neighbourhoods are not negatively impacted, and this could be achieved through incorporating parking levels into new buildings
- The Committee suggested that:
 - In addition to incorporating parking into future buildings, consideration could be given to adding residence levels to future buildings because multi-use buildings add vibrancy as well as efficiency
 - Thoughtful demolition of older building could allow for the better placement of future buildings
 - The periphery of the campus should be designed to be as inviting as possible, with minimal construction of barrier walls and parkades
 - Consideration could be given to constructing structures and services near the campus' LRT entrance
 - The traffic and pedestrian congestion within the drop-off area by the Engineering complex should be monitored, as this is a trouble spot, and maybe this area could be enlarged or another drop-off area could be created at the north end of the campus
- It was reported that consultation will continue, and the Committee will receive another update on the LRDP development at a future meeting

6. Comprehensive Institutional Plan, Appendix F: Capital Plan

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Bart Becker, Vice-President (Facilities), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the Capital Plan appendix of the University's Comprehensive

Institutional Plan (CIP) sets out the institution's development priorities

- The University's priority projects include: redevelopment of the MacKimmie Complex and Professional Faculties Building, redevelopment of the Science A Building, development of the Life and Environmental Sciences Research Centre, development of the Haskayne School of Business Advanced Learning Centre, and upgrades and renewal on the Foothills campus
- In response to a question, the proponent reported that the CIP requirement that "Priority projects are in excess of \$2.5 million or 50.0% of the institution's Infrastructure Maintenance Program grant, whichever is larger" is set by the provincial government

7. Growth Accommodation Plan

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jon Greggs, Director, Campus Planning, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the University's student and staff population, and number of academic units, have increased over time. The University currently has shortages of classrooms of certain sizes, research spaces, study spaces, administrative spaces (including student services spaces), event and food services facilities, and recreation facilities. The Growth Accommodation Plan serves to address the University's space needs by identifying short and long-term priority projects.
- In response to a question, it was confirmed that the University's space shortages are a factor in the University turning away otherwise qualified students
- The Committee discussed the decanting strategies for some of the major projects
- In addition to the projects set out in the CIP, there are other identified projects to address the University's space needs, such as the redevelopment of the Kinesiology complex and redevelopment of the MacEwan Hall loading zone. Some of these projects could soon become active, while others are included in the LRDP and are awaiting funding.
- The University leases out some of its spaces, and units rely on the income from these leases
- Some of the University's space needs could be addressed by re-designing spaces. For example, the University has many small classrooms but insufficient larger classrooms, and so smaller classrooms could be combined and renovated into larger classrooms.
- The presenter reported that Campus Planning has commissioned a report to analyse classroom usage, and that this report will be shared with the Committee at a future meeting

8. Update on Capital Projects

Bart Becker, Vice-President (Facilities), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning building will open in April
- The Education Tower renovation will be completed in September 2016, and then the Education Block renovation will begin

- The Schulich School of Engineering renovation will be completed in 2017
- A number of construction projects are underway on the Foothills campus
- The University is looking into a recently-announced federal program for funding post-secondary infrastructure
- The University is considering ways to reduce energy use in its buildings
- The provincial budget announcement on April 14, 2016 may indicate which of the University's priority capital projects will be funded
- There is not enough demand to consider constructing more residence buildings in the near future

9. Update on IT Projects

Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services), presented this item.

Highlights:

- Plans for the relocation of the University's data centres are nearly finalized. The Math Sciences data centre will be closed once the University's Microsoft Exchange account migration project is completed.
- The Microsoft Exchange account migration project will be executed as quickly as possible, taking into account people's availability
- University Relations has a migration plan for the University's websites
- The University is applying to partner with Shaw to serve as a regional data centre hub
- The University is working with Telus to improve the cellular service on the University's campuses

10. Approved 2016-2017 GFC and GFC Standing Committees Meeting Schedule

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda, for information only.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee adjourn the March 29, 2016 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.