

General Faculties Council
CAMPUS AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 11
September 26, 2017, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

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Voting Members

Kevin McQuillan, Co-Chair
Sasha Tsenkova, Academic Co-Chair
Jessica Ayala
Branden Cave
Jim Dewald – arrived during Item 2
Boris Dragicevic (delegate for Bart Becker)
Dianne Draper
Les Tochor (delegate for Linda Dalgetty)

Non-Voting Members

Ian Mellor

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Herman Barkema
Tavis Campbell
Raafat El-Hacha
Justin Huseby
Tom Keenan
Christiana Manzocco

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Co-Chair reported that Item 8 (Update on IT Projects) has been withdrawn from the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the September 26, 2017 Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting be approved, with the reported amendment.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair

The Co-Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Members were welcomed, and in particular Branden Cave, Ian Mellor, and Sasha Tsenkova were welcomed to their first meeting of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee
- The role of the Committee was reviewed

3. Recommendation of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee 2017-2018 Work Plan

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Co-Chair presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Co-Chair reported that all General Faculties Council standing committees prepare work plans at the beginning of each meeting year. In addition to the anticipated items listed on the work plan, other business may arise over the course of the year.
- The Committee reviewed the draft work plan
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Space standards are reviewed when need is identified, and not on an annual or otherwise regularly scheduled basis
 - Stakeholders, such as students, will be consulted when the reviews of the laboratory space and study space standards occur

Moved/Seconded

That the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee (CFDS) recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the CFDS Work Plan for the 2017-2018 academic year, in the form provided to the Committee.

Carried

4. MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project Building Massing

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Boris Dragicevic, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Development), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project's conceptual design was developed in 2010, and a building condition assessment was conducted in January 2017. Consideration of the building condition assessment resulted in the determinations that:
 - A full replacement of the mechanical, electrical and building envelope is required for the Tower, Link and Block
 - The Tower structure is suitable for rehabilitation
 - The Link and Block are not suitable for future use and are to be demolished and reconstructed
- The project aligns with the University's Long Range Development Plan, and planning considers constructability, phasing, and cost
- Priorities and guiding principles include:
 - Aligning the floors of the Block and Tower
 - Redesigning the Link to include programming spaces and stronger connectivity
 - Improving east-west pedestrian flow by widening the main pathway

- Providing a home for the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking
- Demonstrating leadership in sustainability design and aspiring to achieve a Net Zero Building rating, in part through the use of photovoltaics
- Creating distinctive and adaptive campus spaces
- The presenter reported that three massing options were considered for the redevelopment project, and the options were narrowed down to two: Siting Option A and Siting Option C. The presenter then reviewed the features of each of these two options, and showed illustrations.
- The presenter reported that qualitative evaluation has led to the conclusion that Siting Option C is preferred
- The Committee offered the following feedback:
 - Non-linear planting of trees, and especially in groves where possible, is desirable both for aesthetic appeal and to be more wildlife-friendly
 - The relocation of the 'Prairie Chicken' sculpture and the water feature are desirable components of the proposed landscaping for the project
 - In addition to the important east-west corridor of pedestrian traffic, it should be considered that many pedestrians will be travelling north-south because of the bus loop
 - Wide, straight-line pathways are needed for efficiency, but several members expressed wish for curvaceous pathways to create richness, aesthetic appeal, and to allow people to appreciate the landscape
 - It was suggested that the planners should consult with knowledgeable people in Environmental Design, Geography, and Sociology regarding cost-effective and contemporary but functional landscaping (e.g. a community garden)
 - The robustness of the criteria weighting matrix used to conclude that Siting Option C is the preferred plan was questioned, but the CFDS agreed that Siting Option C is the preferred plan. There was hesitation about the larger building footprint of Siting Option C and the resulting encroachment on the Swann Mall.
- The Committee discussed the access to the MacEwan Hall loading docks, and the potential for moving these in the future
- The Co-Chair indicated that the Committee will continue to receive updates on the MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project in the coming months

5. Classroom Alteration Request (CAR)/Facilities Alteration Request (FAR) Projects Report

Kevin McQuillan, Deputy Provost, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the CAR/FAR program was established by the Provost in the 2012-2013 academic year, and provides funding for relatively small-scale renovations that improve the quality of the teaching, learning, and research spaces at the University. Faculties submit project requests annually for consideration and the funding comes from the University's budget. The approved projects are spread throughout the campuses so that many areas see improvement.

- The presenter reported that fifteen projects were executed under the CAR/FAR program in 2016-2017. Almost all are now completed.
- The presenter reported that thirty-four applications have been received for the 2017-2018 CAR/FAR projects, and that decisions will be made soon regarding which will go ahead. CAR/FAR projects are normally executed in the summer months.

Scribe's note: Following the meeting, the presenter reported that the fifteen CAR/FAR projects for 2016-2017 were:

- Kinesiology Building B 101G and 102B cooling upgrade
- Education Classroom Block 384, 386, and 388 flooring replacement
- Kinesiology Complex access control
- Campus-wide miscellaneous classroom furniture replacement
- Murray Fraser Hall 3310 law clinic and administration renovation
- Veterinary Medicine Clinical Skills Building 154D and 184E ventilation upgrade
- Taylor Family Digital Library 550A Graduate Student Commons
- Professional Faculties Building 2259 Nursing main office renovation to add workstations
- Veterinary Medicine Quarantine Barn HVAC upgrade
- Education Tower 12F and Administration 1F Psychology research expansion
- Social Work video conference equipment upgrades
- Veterinary Medicine Clinical Skills Building Teaching, Research and Wellness Building instructional video-conferencing upgrades
- Engineering Building A 201 theatre upgrade
- Education Classroom Block Seminar Centre upgrade
- Health Sciences Centre G503 theatre renovation

6. Strategic Investment Fund Projects Update

Boris Dragicevic, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Development), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the federal government's Strategic Infrastructure Fund (SIF) program was created to fund shovel-ready projects, and these must reach completion or substantial completion by April 2018.
- The University received funding for eight SIF projects:
 - High Density Library expansion
 - Veterinary Medicine Clinical Skills Building expansion
 - Accelerated utility reduction program, resulting in energy efficiencies across the University
 - Accelerated research and innovation infrastructure renewal
 - Phase 2, Engineering complex renovation (including research and work space upgrades throughout much the Engineering complex)
 - Phase 3, Engineering complex renovation (including laboratory upgrades in the Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering building, north of 32nd Avenue)

- Research field stations (upgrades to the Barrier Lake and RB Miller field stations in Kananaskis, and relocation of the Weather Research Station to the Spy Hill campus)
- Phase 2, Science A building redevelopment
- The presenter briefly outlined the progress of the projects and reported that all of the University's SIF projects are on schedule or will be completed early

7. Update on Capital Projects

Boris Dragicevic, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Development), presented this item.

The presenter reported on current capital projects, highlighting that the Schulich School of Engineering project is nearly completed, and that the Cumming School of Medicine projects are progressing well.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee adjourn the September 26, 2017 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary