

General Faculties Council
CAMPUS AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 17

January 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Governors Boardroom A167

Voting Members

Florentine Strzelczyk, Co-Chair
Sasha Tsenkova, Academic Co-Chair*
Herman Barkema
Jim Dewald – arrived during Item 6
Boris Dragicevic (delegate for Bart Becker)
Dianne Draper
Sagar Grewal
Mohammad Mansouri
D’Arcy Moynagh (delegate for Linda Dalgetty)
Vera Parlac – arrived during Item 3

Non-Voting Members

Justin Huseby
David Stewart

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Jyoti Myers

Regrets

Linda Dalgetty
Raafat El-Hacha
Ian Mellor
Tom Keenan

Guests

Shane Royal, Director, Ancillary Services – present for Item 6

*via telephone

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the January 22, 2019 Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

The Co-Chair reminded members that the role of the Committee is advisory and members are encouraged to provide advice on matters brought to the Committee.

The Academic Co-Chair recalled that, at the December meeting the Committee discussed common Information Technology (IT) needs, and reported that the Committee will be regularly updated on IT during the IT update standing item.

3. Approval of the December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting held on December 11, 2018 be approved.

Carried

4. General Space Program for Schulich School of Engineering Block E Renovation Project

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

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the General Space Program for the Schulich School of Engineering (SSE) Block E Renovation Project. It was explained that the SSE Block E Renovation Project will greatly enhance the functionality of Block E and meet pedagogical requirements to accommodate current and future teaching and research needs. The modernization of the spaces will also meet code compliance requirements.
- The Committee reviewed the total project budget for the renovation and learned that the project is being funded through the University's internally restricted net assets, reallocated existing provincial grant surplus funds, and funds from the SSE
- The Committee discussed the footprint for the renovation project and noted that the proposed renovations to the building will improve utilization, and user productivity, and allow for greater collaboration with students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars
- In response to a question, it was reported that, in addition to the renovations for Block E, SSE Blocks F and G still require some work

5. General Space Program for Veterinary Medicine Student Space Expansion Project

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

Highlights:

- The presenter explained that the proposed Veterinary Medicine Student Expansion project will accommodate an increase in student enrolment in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine beginning in 2020. The expansion will include additional laboratory and teaching spaces in the Clinical Skills Building at the Spy Hill Campus, and the project is currently in the design phase.
- The Committee learned that the Government of Alberta has provided \$7.2 million in one-time capital funding to the University for this project, and that the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program ranks amongst the top 50 veterinary medicine programs globally
- The Committee discussed the pathways around the property and it was confirmed that the project will consider improvements in this area

6. University Residence Strategy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Shane Royal, Director, Ancillary Services presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter explained that the new University Residence Strategy was approved by the Board of Governors in December 2018
- It was reported that planned changes to the residence facilities include the teardown of the Glacier and Olympus buildings, and the conversion of a number of rooms in Hotel Alma to single-room residences. The top floor rooms in Hotel Alma will be maintained for short-term accommodation.
- The Committee discussed the market analysis and the factors affecting student housing, including University District development, the 325-unit development by Campus Suites, the construction of the ALT Hotel, which will be completed in 2020. The Committee also discussed the decline in occupancy rates for University residence, and the possible reasons for this and the residence fees.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - No construction is needed to convert the hotel rooms in Hotel Alma to single room residences
 - Redevelopment will begin in 2020 and an operational transition plan and communications plan have been established
 - There are currently no plans to demolish the Varsity Courts family housing, but this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. A portion of this land belongs to West Campus Development and is slated to be developed in the future as part of University District.
 - Residence occupancy rates are similar at the University of Alberta and the University of Saskatchewan
 - To date, the University has not completed a student survey to assess why students are living off campus. It was noted that the University of Calgary is predominantly a commuter campus.

- The Committee discussed the importance of having affordable long-term housing options for students and their families, and for designing sustainable buildings, which will not become obsolete in the future
- The Co-Chair observed that the Committee's terms of reference sets out that the Committee reviews and provides advice pertaining to re-purposing and/or re-development of University facilities and suggested that, in future items like the Residence Strategy be brought to the Committee for discussion while under development so that the Committee's feedback can be taken into consideration

7. CAR/FAR Projects Report

Florentine Strzelczyk presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the Classroom Alteration Request/Facility Alteration Request (CAR/FAR) initiative, and reported that funding is provided for enhancements to classrooms and learning spaces and facility renovations that aim to improve the quality of teaching, learning and research environments on campus
- The Office of the Provost receives many CAR/FAR project proposals for consideration annually and the decision to provide funding is based on need and creating or enhancing student spaces that improve the overall student experience
- The presenter then highlighted some of the projects that were completed over the past year

8. Update on Capital Projects

Boris Dragicevic presented this item.

Highlights:

- The MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project is well underway. The glass skin has started to be applied to the tower and occupancy of the tower is scheduled for August and September.
- The design work for Matheson Hall is progressing and will be presented to the Haskayne School of Business Faculty Council in February
- Funding for the Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation Centre has been approved and a request for proposals has been released. The Committee discussed the timing for this project and the relocation of animal research laboratories from Biology and Psychology to the new space.
- The Committee discussed the importance of maintaining green space on campus for wildlife habitat and for the mental wellbeing of the campus community

9. Update on IT Projects

D'Arcy Moynagh, Chief Information Officer, presented this item.

Highlights:

- It was reported that IT is investigating upgrading the University's Skype licensing. It was noted that Skype licensing is not government subsidized. The Committee discussed the cost of upgrading Skype and the need for dependable communication platforms on campus.
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
 - Zoom is being considered as an alternative to Skype because of the different subscription options
 - Video conferencing training is available to key users and the IT service desk is also available to assist users
- The Committee discussed the plans to improve Wi-Fi services for Varsity Courts (Family Housing)

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee adjourn the January 22, 2019 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary