



General Faculties Council
CAMPUS AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting #22, April 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Voting Members

Florentine Strzelczyk, Co-Chair
Jessica Ayala
Linda Dalgetty – present for Items 4 and 7
Jim Dewald
Boris Dragicevic (delegate for Bart Becker)
Tom Keenan
Jessica Revington
Brian Rusted

Regrets

Bart Becker
Herman Barkema
Raafat El-Hacha
Mina Iskander
Ian Mellor

Guests

John Alho, Associate Vice-President, Government and Community Engagement – present for Item 4

Non-Voting Members

Marcia Epstein
Justin Huseby

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Jyoti Myers

Observers

Jaclyn Carter, Governance and Student Appeals
Office Coordinator
Frank Finley, incoming President, Students' Union

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the April 21, 2020 Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair

The Co-Chair introduced Frank Finley as an Observer to the meeting and thanked Sasha Tsenkova for her time and service on the Committee.

3. Annual Committee Performance Review and Review of the CFDS Terms of Reference

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Florentine Strzelczyk presented this item.

The Co-Chair discussed the role of the Committee and its work, and commented on the need for the members to offer meaningful feedback to proponents. The structure and future of the Committee was discussed and the Co-Chair advised that the feedback will be provided to the General Faculties Council Chair and the University Secretariat.

4. W.A. Ranches Long Range Development Plan

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

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the planned development for the W.A. Ranches at the University, reporting that the plan includes the development of various parcels of land over the next 20-30 years
- The presenters reported that W.A. Ranches will allow for the creation of a centre of excellence for beef cattle research and will support the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine's Strategic Themes and Priorities document
- The Committee discussed the planned development and the consultation process with the W.A. Ranches neighbors, Indigenous elders and other stakeholders, and in response to questions, the presenters commented that:
 - The plan, including the feedback received from the consultation will be discussed by various Committees prior to recommendation for approval by the Board of Governors in June
 - W.A. Ranches was gifted to the University for the purpose of research
 - The strategic plan reflects a living laboratory and W.A. Ranches is intended to be an interdisciplinary space for programming, open to all faculties
- The Committee then discussed the strategic and research themes, noting that the plan reflects the thoughtful preservation of the ecosystem diversity, and the development of new technologies that will ensure best practices in animal health and welfare and the environment

5. Mathison Hall Schematic Review

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Boris Dragicevic presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the Schematic Design for Mathison Hall (MH), reporting that MH will meet the modern expectations of technology-rich, flexible teaching spaces, provide the research spaces needed for the Haskayne School of Business (HSB), support an additional 650 students, and enable the HSB to offer all of its business courses in one building
- The Committee reviewed the schematic design noting that the design and planned renovations will address space constraints in the HSB, and in response to questions the presenter commented that:
 - The MH building will provide a pedestrian walkway that will allow service connectivity to Scurfield Hall
 - The building will include a hub with a variety of social spaces and student support spaces for the enhancement of overall student experience
 - An acoustic analysis on the building has been completed to gauge the areas of concern related to noise abatement
 - The building will be targeting LEED Platinum certification
- The Committee discussed the principles of the MH design and the modern landscape, noting that the design of the building and the approach to the use of spaces will enable inclusivity and promote collaboration

6. Update on Capital Projects

Boris Dragicevic presented this item.

Highlights:

- The MacKimmie Complex Redevelopment Project is on track and progressing well
- The Faculty of Nursing has moved into the Professional Faculties Building
- Occupants from the Engineering Block E are in the process of returning to their spaces
- The budget for the Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation Centre project was reduced due to the budget cutbacks, and work will progress in two phases

7. Update on IT Projects

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

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an update on current IT projects, reporting that there are no major projects planned, and that the IT department remains focused on ensuring the smooth transition of staff working remotely, and is also conducting background research on high performance computing
- The presenter reported that, since the onset of the campus closure, mobilization has commenced rapidly and approximately 70,000 meetings have taken place via the Zoom platform. The presenter then reported that the University is also transitioning to Microsoft Teams and the IT department is currently completing an evaluation of both platforms to determine the utility and appropriate functionality of each based on the nature and confidentiality of the meetings.

8. 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 in classrooms and learning spaces and also for 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 each proposal is ranked based on its need and its ability to enhance student space that will improve the overall student experience
- The presenter then highlighted that funding will be provided for three projects on campus this year and that smaller projects will be co-funded to enable the units to move forward with financing for these smaller projects

Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee adjourn the April 21, 2020 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary