



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, July 26, 2012
Room 3-15, University Hall
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Andy Cheema	Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Bart Becker (delegate)	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) or Delegate
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Academic Staff
Elisabeth Le	Academic Staff
Debbie Feisst	Academic Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Support Staff

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	University Architect or Delegate
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Regrets:

Naseeb Adnan	Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) or Delegate
Erasmus Okine	Academic Staff
Loren Kline	Academic Staff, cross-representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee
Bernie Kessels	Vice-Provost and University Registrar or Delegate
Caitlin Marchak	Undergraduate at-large

Presenter(s):

Tracy Bear	Special Advisor to the Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Bart Becker	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Shana Dion	Director, Aboriginal Student Services Centre
Lee Foote	Director, Devonian Botanic Garden
Pat Jansen	Executive Director, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie	University Architect, Office of the University Architect (Facilities and Operations)

Staff:

Garry Bodnar	Acting Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Emily Paulsen	Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Le/Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of June 7, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Committee members considered a suggestion to make a few minor editorials to Item 4. It was agreed that the revision would be reflected in the Minutes.

Motion: Le/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of June 7, 2012, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all committee members to the meeting, acknowledging the addition of new academic staff representatives, Joanne Profetto-McGrath and Erasmus Okine,

ACTION ITEMS

4. Gathering Place – Functional Programme and Site Study

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the University Architect (Facilities and Operations); Shana Dion, Director, Aboriginal Student Services Centre; Tracy Bear, Special Advisor to the Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: To obtain approval for the Functional Programme and Site Selection for the Gathering Place.

Discussion:

The Chair invited members of the presentation team to report on the Gathering Place – Functional Programme and Site Study. Dr Skidmore noted to members that the revised motion as distributed articulates the motion for approval by GFC FDC of the Gathering Place – Functional Programme; not including siting, and aligns to the committee's mandate and delegation of authority.

Mr Ben Louie invited Ms Tracy Bear to introduce the report. Aided by the support of a detailed power-point presentation, Ms Bear shared the vision of the Gathering Place proposal and outlined key motivators. Ms Bear provided a comprehensive overview of strategic drivers, highlighting Community Outreach; Institutional Indigenization; Sustainable Funding, and Curriculum development. Ms Bear added that a significant amount of consultation has lead to the development of this initiative. As part of the presentation, Ms Shana Dion identified student-centred aspects of the proposal. Mr Ben Louie reported on the site's efficient, practical, and multifunctional programming and design.

During the ensuing discussion, presenters addressed questions and comments including, but not limited to, the

following: traffic flow considering the Gathering Space's position between the neighbouring LRT station and the Education building; and determining a balance between open/welcome and private spaces.

Dr Skidmore thanked the presenters for their comprehensive presentation.

Motion: O'Byrne/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Facilities Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Gathering Place – Functional Programme (as set forth in Attachment 2), excluding specifics related to the siting of this facility, as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Devonian Botanic Garden - Site Master Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the University Architect (Facilities and Operations); Lee Foote, Director, Devonian Botanic Garden; Pat Jansen, Executive Director, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: Realignment of Garden entryway and parking areas in order to enhance the visitor experience and holistically plan for the interconnection of the various parts of the garden with new projects being planned.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Mr Bart Becker to present a report on the Devonian Botanic Garden - Site Master Plan. Mr Becker introduced the item as part of a first phase of updates to come forward to FDC members regarding the Devonian Botanic Garden, including the Islamic Garden, a revised entryway and parking areas. Mr Becker invited members to provide their feedback on the report, noting that their valuable input will assist with future planning and design.

Supported by the aid of a power-point presentation, Dr Lee Foote advised that the proposed plans reflect a major growth period for the Devonian Botanic Garden. In addition to an Islamic Garden and Ecological Learning Centre (ELC), Dr Foote highlighted several key elements of the Site Master Plan, including the Entry Drive, Parking, Entry Plaza, and Development Considerations. Mr Ben Louie advised that sustainability, conservation, and sound retention have all been significant considerations in the planning process.

Dr Skidmore thanked the presenters for their indepth report, and invited comments and questions from members. Presenters responded to questions which included: implementing a controlled entrance from the highway to improve safety; planning parking for small and large events; shuttling options when overflow parking is required; rerouting trails to accommodate for new entrances and parking areas; and, easy access out of the park in case of an evacuation.

6. Projects Update from the Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

There were no documents

Presenter: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/ information.

Discussion:

As part of a regular reporting item, the Chair invited Mr Bart Becker to verbally update the committee on the University's major capital, renewal and renovation projects that are active, and/or are nearing completion. In a brief overview, Mr Becker highlighted the following projects:

- Balmoral Repurposing Project
- Camrose Performing Arts Centre
- Phase Two of East Campus Village
- Physical Activity and Wellness Centre (PAW)

7. Question Period

It was noted that the August 23rd meeting of GFC FDC was cancelled and that all further meetings were scheduled in 3-07 at the South Academic Building.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.