



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Olive Yonge	Chair, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Elisabeth Le	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff
Colin More	Member, Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Member, Support Staff
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Cory Hodgson	Member (Delegate), Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Loren Kline	Member, Elected Academic Staff Member, appointed from and by the Academic Planning Committee (FDC ToFR)
Erasmus Okine	Member, Academic Staff and Associate Vice-President (Research/Academic)
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Member, Academic Staff
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Resource
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource

Presenter(s):

Lee Foote	Director, Devonian Botanic Garden
Kelly Hopkin	Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)
Ben Louie	University Architect, Office of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Shaun Visser	Partner, BR2 Architecture
Olive Yonge	Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Staff:

Garry Bodnar, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Kline/Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 23, 2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Le/Kline

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of October 23, 2014.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair invited members to introduce themselves, and then thanked Garry Bodnar for his years of dedicated service towards academic governance at the University of Alberta, noting that this would be his last meeting of GFC Facilities Development Committee prior to retirement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Founders' Hall Renewal – Augustana Campus: Exterior Building Envelope Upgrade and Interior Fit-Up Upgrade

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Kelly Hopkin, Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect, Planning and Project Delivery, Facilities and Operations; Shaun Visser, Partner, BR2 Architecture

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide an update to the September 27, 2012 presentation to GFC FDC on Augustana Campus' Founders' Hall. The interior space 'fit-up' for the renewal is based on the approved Founders' Hall – Functional Programme by the Committee on September 26, 2013 and is in support of the long-term vision for this campus' landmark.

Discussion:

Mr Hopkin introduced himself as well as co-presenter, Mr Visser, to members.

Mr Hopkin provided members with a brief synopsis of the history of the Founders' Hall, adding that it has been relocated and renovated numerous times since its original construction in 1912. He noted that the Founders' Hall has been envisioned to be a 'campus living room' at Augustana campus. He explained that members of GFC Facilities Development Committee approved the Functional Program for this renovation in September, 2013.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, he then reported on several key points in relation to the renovation of the Founders' Hall, including the key criteria under the Functional Program, a summary of space allocations for the renovated space, an outline of the exterior upgrades, reports on each of the level floor plans, and details surrounding the timeline for completion.

Mr Hopkin provided members with an array of photographs of the existing interior of the building as well as concept artwork detailing plans for the interior of the Founders' Hall. He reported that the garden program has been deferred.

Members, during the discussion in regards to this item, expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification regarding the status of the original structure of the building; clarification regarding the necessity of moderate cooling of the ventilation system during the summer months; whether there will be operable windows within the building; that historical photographs of the building reflect a number of window-mounted air conditioning units, and concerns regarding cooling options within the building.

The Chair thanked presenters for their update regarding this project.

5. Ecological Learning Centre (ELC) – Revised Concept Design

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Lee Foote, Director, Devonian Botanic Garden

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC FDC with context and background of the revised concept design for the Ecological Learning Centre (ELC) at the Devonian Botanic Garden.

Discussion:

Dr Foote began his presentation by reporting that the Devonian Botanic Garden has experienced increased attendance and was named the 2014 Botanical Garden of the Year by the Canadian Garden Council.

He provided members with an update in regards to recent philanthropic donations towards the Garden. He briefly summarized the facility requirements of the Garden to date, in relation to current and new projects, as well as the diminishing life span of several of the buildings on-site.

In concert with a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Louie provided a detailed description of the Site Plan, noting that the Site Plan was presented to GFC FDC previously. He explained the space program comparisons for the Ecological Learning Centre (ELC). He updated members regarding the floor plans for the ELC, including classroom and administrative space. He presented members with visual renderings of these plans including the interior and exterior of the facility.

During the discussion surrounding this item, members provided a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: whether entrance considerations for the ELC have been addressed; clarification regarding the occupancy limitations of the atrium area within the ELC; clarification about the

fate of the fungal laboratory; whether there has been consideration towards providing gender neutral washrooms at the Garden; clarification regarding the efforts to remain environmentally conscious within the design; clarification regarding the status of the budget for this project.

The Chair pointed out that budgetary considerations are outside of the purview of this Committee.

The Chair thanked members for their presentation.

6. Student Study Space Report 2013-2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: To apprise GFC FDC (and GFC) on statistics pertaining to available student study space on University of Alberta campuses.

Discussion:

Mr Louie explained that his office conducts an annual assessment of study spaces across the campuses of the University of Alberta, noting that a subsequent report is generated and presented to GFC FDC for review and commentary. He reported that his office continues to consult with various groups and stakeholders at the University of Alberta, towards review of qualitative, quantitative and utilization data in relation to study spaces.

He began his presentation by noting that within the last 12 month, there have been several new buildings completed, as well as a focus on qualitative improvements towards existing study spaces. He reported that designated and non-designated student study spaces have increased to 16,397 in 2013-2014, which represents an 18% increase from data collected in 2009-2010.

Members, during the discussion surrounding this Report, expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification regarding how utilization of space was measured; whether graduate students were factored into the data; clarification surrounding target ratio of designated spaces and whether there are targets for undesignated space; whether green space could be considered study space; that space utilization changes during the course of the day, which may skew the results; a suggestion to provide separate columns for graduate and undergraduate students; that adherence to a 5:1 ratio is something to publicize; a suggestion to survey the students on their utilization preferences; that students who congregate in meeting rooms in the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) have stated that they prefer the enclosed spaces within ECHA; that students have a variety of study space preferences and that these preferences are managed well at the University of Alberta; whether there are plans to increase study space at Campus Saint-Jean; that enrolment is also a factor in this discussion.

The Committee discussed involving Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, in further discussion on this issue. Members determined that questions for Mr Beasley could be forwarded to Mr Louie initially.

Mr Bodnar clarified that there is a difference between questions provided outside of the meeting and official discussions which occur during an official meeting. He suggested providing an update to members at a subsequent meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Louie for his Report.

7. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with a brief update in regards to several ongoing projects, referencing the following:

- Clinical Sciences Building (CSB): Floor by floor renewals and refresh are all on schedule.
- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre: Work will commence on the Steadward portion in the near term including the renewal of several existing areas.
- St Joseph's College Women's Residence: Several areas of the project are in painting stage. This project is on schedule for occupancy in September, 2015.
- Infill Housing Project in the East Campus Village (ECV): East building structural framing to second floor, west building at the main floor level. It has an extremely tight schedule and there have been some challenges with site findings. Scheduled occupancy is anticipated for September, 2015.
- Students' Union Building (SUB): Exteriors are advancing per schedule, spring completion on target, interior areas near 100%.
- Peter Lougheed Hall (PLH): There have been tender challenges. Value engineering phase has identified several areas of system re-design, last stages of contract negotiations. Construction start expected for mid-April, 2015.
- Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) and Chemical/Materials Engineering (CME) Building: Core and shell 97%, still several clean-up areas related to glazing. April targeted completion. Interior fit out portion is nearing completion, will be integrating the occupancy in a phased approach, May to July.
- South Campus 63 Avenue: There will be spring work on landscaping features and entrance signage
- Augustana: The exterior is near completion, retrofit on interiors is now underway.
- Twin Arena: In the Business Case Phase.
- Foote Field Seasonal Dome: In the Business Case Phase.
- Islamic Garden: Concept Development Phase.
- Research Collection and Resource Facility: This program will be coming forward to the next meeting of GFC FDC.

During the discussion regarding these updates, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification regarding the completion date for Peter Lougheed Hall; a request for an update on the renovations to the Dentistry/Pharmacy building; a request for an update in regards to the current status of the Gathering Place; clarification that Dentistry/Pharmacy also houses the dentistry museum; clarification regarding the status of the St Joseph's College Women's Residence; that it is wonderful to see all of the recent developments on campus; positive commentary in regards to the utilization of the PAW Centre; a request for an update in regards to the Way-Finding Focus Group.

8. Question Period

Noting the current movement towards providing gender neutral washrooms, a member enquired about the existence of policy surrounding gender neutral washrooms and suggested that the Committee review the issue.

Following extensive discussion surrounding this question, Mr Jansen, upon invitation from the Chair, agreed to prepare this item for further discussion at a subsequent meeting of GFC FDC.

A member enquired about the presence of shower stations in buildings on campus and about the status of washrooms in the South Academic Building (SAB).

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

- "University of Alberta - Augustana Campus Proposal for a New/Renovated Science Facility"[E-Mailed to Members on October 24, 2014]

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.