



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Wendy Rodgers	Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Deputy Provost
Sandeep Agrawal	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff, and Acting Chair
Loren Kline	Member, Elected Academic Staff Member, appointed from and by the Academic Planning Committee
Andrew MacIsaac	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Andrew Sharman	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Rob Shields	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Ali Talaei	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Robyn Paches	Member (Delegate), Students' Union (SU) Vice-President (Academic)

Non-Voting Members:

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

Presenter(s):

Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC FDC
Ben Louie	University Architect
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)
Stephen Boyd	Principal, Dialog
Lee Foote	Director, Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG)
Steve Patten	Member, GFC <i>ad hoc</i> Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority and Professor, Faculty of Arts
Frank Robinson	Member, GFC <i>ad hoc</i> Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority and Professor, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES)
Robyn Paches	Vice-President (Operations and Finance), Students' Union (SU)

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Acting Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Shields

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 22, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Paches/Shields

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of September 22, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported that she would have to leave during the meeting due to another pressing commitment and that member Cheryl Harwardt would be Acting Chair in her absence.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Students' Union (SU): Myer Horwitz Theater Schematic Design

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie; Robyn Paches; Stephen Boyd

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the schematic design of the Myer Horowitz Theatre.

Discussion:

Mr Paches provided members with an overview of the Myer Horowitz Theatre, adding that it is a unique feature located in the Students' Union Building on North Campus. It is long overdue for renovations to continue to educate, entertain and bring the community together.

Mr Louie reported on the elements of the schematic design process including consultation with stakeholders and determining parameters of the architectural and engineering details. He added that this project aligns with campus planning including the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) as well as the sector plan.

Mr Paches explained that the project will aim to transform the Myer Horowitz Theatre into a flexible, modern, efficient and sustainable space, and that project goals have been established by a steering committee. He noted that fundraising will be led by the Friends of the Myer Horowitz Theatre Society.

Mr Boyd, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, provided members with visual renderings of the proposed schematic design.

During the discussion, members sought clarification about the sustainability measures used in planning the space, the usages of the renovated space, as well as how the courtyard and bicycle racks might be impacted by the renovation.

Motion: Sharman/Kline

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee, under delegated authority from GFC, approve the proposed schematic design of the Myer Horowitz Theatre, as proposed by the Students' Union (SU), and contained in attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG):Ecological Learning Centre Concept Design

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Ben Louie; Lee Foote

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the concept design for the Ecological Learning Centre at the Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG).

Discussion:

Dr Foote reported that efforts continue to transform the DBG into a year-round usage facility, and that there is a strong business case for creating covered spaces for bad weather, as guests will remain at the facility if more appropriate spaces exists. He noted that another need is additional programming space at the DBG.

Mr Louie, using a PowerPoint presentation, provided members with renderings of the ECL concept design.

The Chair thanked Dr Foote and Mr Louie for their presentation.

6. Terms of Reference TOUR of GFC Standing Committees

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers; Steve Patten; Frank Robinson

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the Committee Terms of Reference as part of the review by the GFC *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority.

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed members of the *ad hoc* Committee to the meeting and stated that the Committee had reviewed its Terms of Reference in April 2016 and, at that time, felt comfortable with delegations from GFC and membership categories.

Dr Patten led members through a discussion on Committee Terms of Reference, mandate and membership composition. During this discussion, members commented on past activities undertaken with other GFC Standing Committees, such as the Learning Spaces Report completed jointly with the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE). The Chair reported that the Committee does send big items forward to GFC, such as the presentation on the Devonian Botanic Garden sent forward to GFC in the fall of 2016.

Members discussed the membership of the Committee, and it was noted that GFC FDC draws upon its excellent resource members to fulfil its mandate and that most items, while originating from an academic need, go through the project development process led by members of the Office of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations).

At this point in the meeting, the Chair excused herself and Ms Cheryl Harwardt assumed the role of Acting Chair.

During the discussion surrounding the role of the Chair and Vice-Chair, members discussed the necessity for having an administrator in the role of Chair.

7. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Pat Jansen

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with an update in regards to recent projects underway at the University of Alberta.
Past Projects presented to FDC: Construction Phase

Research and Collections Resource Facility (RCRF): the project is progressing per the planned schedule; the building's structure and exterior finishes are progressing to a weather tight stage. Planned completion on track for the fall of 2017. Considerable amount of logistics and planning required for the content move.

Peter Lougheed Hall: progression in reaching substantial completion later this spring, once the PPE requirements are lifted we will arrange a tour – May estimate. Occupancy planned for 2017.

East Campus Village Residence Building: some areas are now up to the third floor (structure); underground infrastructure has been placed, on schedule.

Lister 5 Residence Building: progressing per the schedule, foundations are near complete; work is also progressing on the basic infrastructure. Occupancy will be achieved for 2018.

SIF - (interior renovations and system renewals) CMEB, ECREF, Bio Sci, Chem West, Augustana, CSB, MSB, CSJ; all impacted with fast tracked construction related to April 2018 completion.

In Design Phase

Twin Arena: conditional agreement with City of Edmonton (COE), funding, parking and agreement finalization underway; will be coming forward with programming.

Maskwa House: no change.

Devonian Botanical Garden - Islamic Garden: Islamic Garden (no formal building programming) – progressing within winter conditions, all civil related to date, completion required for summer of 2018.

Devonian Pavilion (Garden): RFP to help defined concepts and programming – future.

Sector and LRDP Augustana: underway – presentation planned fall of 2017.

Dentistry/Pharmacy: working with senior administration on programming and overall implementation plan, capital priority.

A member sought clarification about the status of decommissioning SLOWPOKE.

8. Question Period

The Committee discussed its role in planning bicycle usage and storage on campus.

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

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.