



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, June 07, 2012
Room 3-15, University Hall
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Colleen Skidmore	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Andy Cheema	Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Naseeb Adnan	Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) or Delegate
Elisabeth Le	Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Support Staff
Caitlin Marchak	Undergraduate Student at-large
Loren Kline	Academic Staff, cross-representative from GFC Academic Planning Committee

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	University Architect or Delegate
Bernie Kessels	Vice-Provost and University Registrar or Delegate
Bart Becker	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Regrets:

Debbie Feisst	Academic Staff
Shannon O'Byrne	Academic Staff

Presenter(s):

Bart Becker	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Lee Foote	Director, Devonian Botanic Garden
Ben Louie	University Architect (Facilities and Operations)
David Lynch	Dean, Faculty of Engineering
Doug McConnell	Principal-in-Charge (DIALOG Structural Engineering)
Ruby Swanson	General Manager, Devonian Botanic Garden

Staff:

Ann Hodgson	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: Kline/Haswell

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 26, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A typographical error was noted for correction.

Motion: Hickey/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of April 26, 2012.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all committee members and guests to the meeting, acknowledging the attendance of the new student members. Dr Skidmore noted that the Camrose Performing Arts Centre Groundbreaking event will take place this afternoon at Augustana Campus. The Chair also informed members that the University of Alberta and the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC) have signed a memorandum of understanding to guide consultation on development at the university's South Campus. Litigation has been withdrawn, and the SCNC is now recognized as a stake-holder.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) Interior Fit-Up - Design Development

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; David Lynch, Dean, Faculty of Engineering; Doug McConnell, Principal-in-Charge (DIALOG Structural Engineering)

Purpose of the Proposal: To obtain approval of the Design Development report for the fit-up of ICE shell and core of ICE, so that design can be completed and ready for tending as funding becomes available.

Discussion:

Chair Colleen Skidmore, invited Bart Becker to introduce the Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) Interior Fit-Up - Design Development. Fellow presenters, David Lynch, Ben Louie, and Doug McConnell were introduced to committee members. Bart Becker, joined by Ben Louie, provided members with an historical summary of the approval and consultative path of the ICE project.

David Lynch, with the aid of PowerPoint, gave a comprehensive report on the ICE Project by reviewing area comparisons. Dr Lynch presented a broad scope of the building development, and the purpose behind building opportunities. Presentation highlights included the consolidating of services for efficiencies, and the connecting of communities to allow for easy interconnection of the entire engineering sector.

All members engaged in a thorough discussion of the proposal, which included questions and comments, including, but not limited to, the following: the ability of ICE to accommodate the expected increase of students in the future; maintaining of wireless access in times of potential construction; graduate student office areas and lab spaces; and on the space designs to promote student, staff, and faculty interaction.

Motion: Kline/Adnan

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, and on the recommendation of the Office of the University Architect, the proposed Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) Interior Fit-up - Design Development (as set forth in Attachment 2), as the basis for future engineering and development of contract documents.

CARRIED

5. Balmoral Repurposing – Exterior Landscape Design Development - Option 1A

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations

Purpose of the Proposal: The Balmoral redevelopment project is a design-build fast track project that has had a number of submission / presentations to GFC FDC for review, comment and approval. The exterior landscape package was set aside from the main project and is being managed separately by the University. As part of the community consultation process, the University has committed to taking design options to the community for input. Three options were developed for consideration and presented February 29th, 2012. Community feedback centered on Option 1 and from those discussions option 1A was developed and accepted by the community. Construction schedule following approval would be as follows: Issue for bids early summer 2012, Site work commence Aug / Sept 2012, Project completion fall 2012.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Bart Becker to introduce the Balmoral Repurposing – Exterior Landscape Design Development report. Mr Becker advised that community members have expressed their satisfaction of the consultation process to date, conveying that a further consultation session is not needed. Mr Louie continued, noting that sustainability is a priority for this project.

Ben Louie and Bart Becker responded to a variety of questions and comments, confirming that there has been no increase in car count, which was a previous concern raised by community members. Mr Louie updated members on the ties into the City multi-use trail system, creation of picnic areas and trails close to transit (bus routes), and the implementation of a cistern for water-flow purposes.

Motion: Hickey/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, and on the recommendation of Operations and Maintenance (Facilities and Operations), the proposed Balmoral Repurposing – Exterior Landscape Design Development - Option 1A (as set forth in Attachment 2), as the basis for further engineering and development of contract documents.

CARRIED

6. Ecological Learning Centre Schematic Design

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Lee Foote, Director, Devonian Botanic Garden, Ruby Swanson, General Manager, Devonian Botanic Garden.

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek approval of the Schematic Design Report for the Ecological Learning Centre at the Devonian Botanical Gardens as the bases for further design development and fundraising.

Discussion:

Chair Colleen Skidmore, welcomed Lee Foote and Ruby Swanson from the Devonian Botanic Garden, and invited Ben Louie to introduce the Ecological Learning Centre schematic design proposal. Mr Louie provided a brief overview of the proposal, emphasizing the need and rationale for building development and increasing community and school involvement and learning opportunities. Mr Foote continued, informing members of the increased population of guests to be accommodated by this new plan. The space proposal responds to existing facility and space issues while successfully meeting the expanding needs and purposes for space requirements such as research, laboratory space, outreach learning for students, art exhibits and community events.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenters addressed questions and comments including, but not limited to, the following: the detailed schematics of the building, outlining the allocated services and spaces on each floor; allowing for the garden to be the focus with the building as a secondary feature; the building design strategies permitting year-round programs and events; the opportunity to explore sustainable design strategies; the building as an asset for the University; and, plans for an aesthetically welcoming entry point to all visitors.

The Chair thanked Mr Foote and Ms Swanson for their informative presentation. In closing, Mr. Becker added that a general development design report will come forward to GFC FDC members in the near future.

Motion: Kline/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed Ecological Learning Centre Schematic Design (as set forth in Attachment 2), as the basis for further planning.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Camrose Performing Arts Centre – Design Build Proposal

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Bart Becker, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Pat Jansen, Executive Director, Project Management Office

Purpose of the Proposal: To outline to GFC Facilities Development Committee the successful design build proposal from Clark Builders for the proposed Camrose Performing Arts Centre (Phase 1). This project is a collaborative project with the University of Alberta, the City of Camrose and Camrose County.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Bart Becker to report back to the Committee as a completion of the design development of the Camrose Performing Arts Centre. Mr Becker briefly summarized the CPAC partnership project between the University of Alberta and the City of Camrose, noting that the building will allow for the incorporation of a full academic program with appropriate space accommodation for hosting of special events in the future. Ben Louie added that the University worked successfully with City partners to develop for “design build” purpose, supported by a team approach to ensure various risks were mitigated, costs set and determined jointly. This Design Development reflects the “process” of the Design Build Team, and a good solution which fits into the overall development plan. The presenters emphasized the value of the building and the innovation that went into its design and structure.

The Chair, Colleen Skidmore, thanked the presenters for their involvement and noted that the Centre would be great for recruitment, comparable to the Timm's Centre for the Arts on North Campus.

8. 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 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:

- East Campus Village housing project
- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre.
- 2015 PanAm Juniors (South Campus facilities)
- University Hall re-purposing

9. Question Period

There were no general questions raised but the committee did discuss their availability in July to plan possible upcoming meetings.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

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