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UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2014
Room 2-004 (Roger Epp Room), Forum, Augustana Campus
1:45 PM - 3:45 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Olive Yonge	Deputy Provost and Chair (Delegate)
Elisabeth Le	Vice-Chair and Member, Academic Staff
Colin More	Member, Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Finn Wang	Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource
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Presenter(s):

Allen Berger	Dean, Augustana Faculty, and Executive Officer, Augustana Campus
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (and Delegate, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations))
Ben Louie	University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Olive Yonge	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Staff:

Garry Bodnar, Coordinator and Scribe, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Observers:

Hans Asfeldt, President, Augustana Students' Association
Shaun Dubash, Vice-President (Finance), Augustan Students' Association

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Jansen/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 25, 2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

A member noted a correction to the spelling of Mr Louie's name on page 3, paragraph 4, of the Minutes.

Motion: Harwardt/Jansen

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of September 25, 2014, as amended.
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CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of items of interest to members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Augustana Campus - Planning and Programming Overview

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (and Delegate, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations))

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC FDC with context and background on the Augustana Campus as it relates to planning and programming.

Discussion:

With the aid of PowerPoint presentation, Mr Jansen introduced this item to members. In his presentation, he spoke to the following: the uniqueness of Augustana Campus and the background associated with its recent-past and current redevelopment opportunities; the Campus' context with the Camrose region; the range of facilities-related initiatives undertaken at the Campus since it joined the University of Alberta in 2004; the development of its first General Space Programme in 2005 and its inclusion, as Sector 20, within the University's Long Range Development Program (LRDP); further detail on development of facilities on the Augustana Campus since 2005, including, for example, the Forum/Library and the Camrose Performing Arts Centre (CPAC); and the inclusion of University of Alberta physical therapy and nursing academic programming in off-site facilities in Camrose.

Mr Jansen continued his presentation to members by highlighting the following: detail on the Augustana Campus General Space Programme (Phase One); a detailed area summary by Department; a summary of the Augustana Campus Science Facility Functional Program and Project Scope Confirmation Report, as presented previously to GFC FDC in August, 2013; a summary of the Founders' Hall Functional Program; detail on the Heather Brae Transitional Hall and the new classrooms located on Level 2 of the Library; and summaries of the new Aboriginal Student Initiative intended for the Lower Level of the Forum, completion of CPAC, and development of Phase Two of the Campus' General Space Programme. At this point, he opened it up for discussion and questions.

Dr Berger spoke in some detail of the work that had been undertaken at Augustana Campus and the ways in which it enhanced the quality of the student experience; served to provide strong connections between the Campus and the surrounding communities; and allowed the Campus to expand its student enrolment. He focused particular attention on the construction of CPAC, which he noted was the embodiment of what the University of Alberta has meant to the City of Camrose, particularly over the past decade.

During the ensuing discussion that followed the presentation, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: a query on whether a plan exists to bring an ever-increasing range of students from a variety of local, regional, and international communities to study on the Augustana Campus; a line of questioning regarding future plans for upgrading the existing Science facilities on the Campus; and a series of questions regarding planning on further collaborations with the City of Camrose on possible future facility developments (eg, athletic/fitness facilities) on or in close proximity to the Campus.

The Chair thanked both Mr Jansen and Dean Berger for their detailed commentary on the past, current, and future development of Augustana Campus and on the Campus' importance to both the City of Camrose and to the University of Alberta.

5. Aboriginal Student Commons - Augustana Campus

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Allen Berger, Dean, Augustana Faculty and Executive Officer, Augustana Campus; Ben Louie, University Architect, Facilities and Operations

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide a cultural and social space to support Aboriginal student life and success at Augustana Campus; to create a living and vibrant space that supports Aboriginal student advising, student gathering, and Elder services—this would be a space for Aboriginal students to share with all.

Discussion:

With the aid of PowerPoint presentation, Dean Berger introduced this item to members. He stated that projects such as the Aboriginal Student Commons, which create and foster active student engagement opportunities, are critical for preparing students for their future careers and, generally, for their lives as contributing members of society.

In his presentation, Dr Berger (with additional commentary from Mr Louie) highlighted the following with regard to this project: the manner in which this initiative dovetails with Augustana Campus' mission and academic goals, its goals of enhancing student engagement and success and the provision of excellent services for Aboriginal students, and the manner in which it addressed enrolment growth and space needs; the nature of this partnership between the Campus' Administration and the wider community; and the project's 'vision'. He addressed: the business case for this space and the scope of the work to be undertaken; the immediate and projected needs for the lower level of the Forum; details on the 'Project Charter (September, 2014)' for the Campus' Aboriginal Student Initiative, which sees this space in the Forum potentially 'rebooted' and plugged into the grid of student life on the Augustana Campus; the hopes and aspirations associated with the Commons, including inclusiveness, connectedness, spirituality, equity, and the sharing of history and culture; and details on the project's visioning, its flexible space programming, the range of exciting opportunities it provides, and its physicality.

Dr Berger then continued his presentation with visual representations of the developed space, including the configuration of furniture; the General Student Lounge; flexible space programming diagrams; the

Students' Association Games Area; and the space for the Aboriginal Student Gathering. Dr Berger concluded his comments by stating it was his hope this project could be completed by September, 2015.

During the ensuing discussion that followed the presentation, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: a query whether there was, in the project design's spatial concepts, a way to begin below grade and then flow above ground in order to remain true to the Aboriginal creation mythology upon which this space was based, in part; whether there will be connections from this space to the outdoors; whether the wider community had been involved in the development of this project; and a query on the amount of natural light there would be in this space.

The Chair remarked this was an exciting and important initiative, not only for the Aboriginal community but for all on the Augustana Campus, and she commended Dr Berger and Mr Louie for their hard work to date on this project.

6. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (and Delegate, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations))

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with brief updates regarding current projects underway, including reference to the following:

- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre – part of the facility is now open to the public; the fitness centre and climbing wall will be open in late November, 2014
- St Joseph's College Women's Residence – work continues to progress well and is on schedule; by December, 2014, both drywalling and painting will be well underway
- Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) and Chemical/Materials Engineering (CME) Building – both projects are advancing; glazing on ICE is now moving forward, with the fit out at the 50% mark
- Camrose Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) – this facility is very close to completion; the fit-out and technical requirements are going through their final testing
- Founders' Hall – the renewal project work continues
- South Campus – 63 Avenue will be opening very shortly
- Clinical Sciences Building (CSB) – the repurposing/restacking project continues
- Infill Housing Project in the East Campus Village (ECV) – contracts have been awarded, and construction begins in the next two weeks
- Peter Loughheed Hall – work continues on this initiative; this project is now out for formal tenders, ending the first week of November, 2014
- Book and Record Depository (BARD) – this rebranding/repurposing project will be coming to GFC FDC at some point in the medium future

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

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

Dr Yonge took this opportunity to thank Dr Berger and his colleagues for hosting GFC FDC today at Augustana Campus. She then adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.