

March 2, 2006

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2006
C126 Clark

Members Steve Mitchell, Chair, College of Applied Human Sciences
Attending: Jennifer Debes, College of Agriculture Sciences
 Mandy Elliott, College of Business
 Jered Lish, IUAC
 BJ Tiemessen, College of Natural Sciences
 Tamla Blunt, Graduate School
 Megan Royer, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
 Michael Miranda, Member at Large
 Sean Timmons, Member at Large
 Michael Foxman, Student Fee Review Board

Members Luke Coffin, Vice Chair, College of Liberal Arts
Absent: Jesse Doerffel, College of Applied Human Sciences

Facility Advisor: Brian J. Chase, Director of Facilities, Advisor to UFFAB

Ex-Officio: Patrick Burns, Assoc. V.P. for Info. & Instr. Tech., Advisor to UTFAB

I. Call to Order/Introductions:

Chairman Mitchell calls the meeting to order. Toni takes roll call.

II. Approval of January 19, 2006 Minutes

The Minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting were approved.

III. Old Business:

The Board members continued their discussion of the two capital construction projects that approval from this board is sought.

Bob Osika was unable to attend this meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Bob will be at the Feb. 2nd meeting with bond scenarios that will answer many of the questions raised by the students tonight.

The members asked questions about the bond process and “pay as you go” as opposed to bonding. Brian and Pat addressed the questions providing general information about the bond process, timelines, repayment, interest earned on the bonds, etc.

Brian used the New Academic Village as an example of the interest earned on bonds. The project was bonded for \$40,000,000 and has earned approximately \$100,000 in interest so far.

The students’ voice their concern about obligating future student bodies with repayment of bonds when they have no part in the decision making process.

The Chair creates an ad hoc committee and appoints Michael Miranda and Megan Royer to the committee and charges them to meet with Brian, Pat and Bob Osika, prior to the next meeting, to go over the bond process.

Brian addresses the Clark Renovation and explains that the amount being requested from the student facility fee dropped from \$8,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The \$2,000,000 of student facility fee money will cover the renovation of classrooms and lecture halls. The University is seeking state funds for the structural and mechanical renovation in the amount of \$6,000,000. A copy of the documentation making the request to the state for the remaining costs will be provided at the next meeting.

Brian requests UFFAB approve the expenditure of \$2,000,000 in student facility fee money for the renovation of Clark Building classrooms and lecture halls.

Brian addresses the Computer Science Building and gives an overview of the project. Pat spoke about the need for an on-campus computer science department with more space for classrooms, labs and space to allow for more collaborative research. The shortage of space that the Computer Science Department is currently experiencing is discussed as well as how the vacated space will be used when the Computer Science Department moves out.

Questions were raised about what the University Technology Fee pays for. Pat will provide a list of the projects that the fee has contributed to and paid for in the near future.

Brian requests UFFAB approve the expenditure of \$12,000,000 in student facility fees for a new Computer Science Building.

Brian and Pat reassure the group that they will maintain oversight of the projects that come before them. Members of the UFFAB will serve on the user committees for each project and will provide status reports to the UFFAB as each progresses.

A motion is made to approve the use of student fees for both the Clark Renovation and the new Computer Science Building and to forward them to the SFRB for approval. The motion is seconded and carries. The projects will be forwarded to the Student Fee Review Board for their approval and recommendation to Vice President Kuk.

Brian was asked to give an update on the study lounges in Clark and Microbiology. The furniture is coming in for the Clark Building and it looks like it will be completed in February 2006. The Microbiology study lounge is under design and will probably go out for bid in February 2006.

IV. New Business

The Chair advises the members that the ASCSU Senate wants to be involved in the approval process for construction projects that have to be bonded. Steve will amend the UFFAB By-Laws to reflect this change. The process will be: projects come to the UFFAB who will recommend approval to the SFRB, who will pass both recommendations on to the ASCSU Senate. ASCSU will give their approval and forward the recommendation to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

V. Other Business:

The Board agreed that Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. works the best for future meetings. It would also be nice to continue to have the meetings in C126 Clark if possible. Toni will book the room for future meetings if possible.

The group would like to meet Feb. 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Marketplace at Corbett. This will give the students an opportunity to see how nice the Marketplace was done.

The group will meet and tour Phase I & II of the University Center for the Arts (UCA) on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Toni will take care of making the arrangements.

VI. Next Meeting – February 2, 2006

- a. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Virginia Dale Room, Lory Student Center
- b. Bob Osika, Treasurer, with bond finance scenarios.

VII. Adjourn