

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2008
University Center for the Arts

Members Attending: Katlin Miller, Chair, College of Natural Resources
Tamla Blunt, Vice Chair, Graduate School
Adam Avery, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Brown, College of Engineering
Julie Stafford, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Leslie Allan, Intra-University Academic Council

Heather Lindsay, Warner College of Natural Resources, attends and will be Katlin Miller's replacement for next year.

Brian Chase, Director of Facilities Management, Advisor to UFFAB

Associate Members: Tony George, College of Natural Sciences

Ex-Officio Members: Pat Burns, Assoc. VP of Info & Instructional Technology
Advisor to UTFAB
Jason Huitt, UTFAB Ex-Officio Member
Toni Scofield, Program Asst., Staff Support

Members Absent: Brie Bath, College of Business
Spencer Ellis, College of Liberal Arts
April McGill, College of Applied Human Sciences

Assoc. Members Absent: Irene Nissen, College of Applied Human Sciences
Jenny Sneden, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Ex-Officio Absent: Beverly Levy, SFRB Ex-Officio Member

Members at Large Absent: Will Vieth, ASCSU

Visitors: Fred Haberecht, Mike Rush, Per Hogestad, Facilities Management Architects;
Linda Wagner, Matt Bartels, and Scott Saunders with Bennett, Wagner and Grody Architects

I. Call to Order:

Chairperson, Katlin Miller, calls the meeting to order.

Quorum is present.

II. The Minutes of April 10, 2008 are unanimously approved.

III. New Business:

Tour University Center for the Arts:

Gina Cochran, Manager of the UCA, tours the group through the finished portions of the University Center for the Arts. Due to OSHA regulations they could not visit the areas still under construction as some of the students wore open-toed shoes. Gina will arrange for a couple of times that she can give tours of the areas under construction in the next couple of weeks and let Toni know so that students who want to tour those areas can see them. Hard hats will be provided and students will be required to wear close-toed shoes to enter construction zones.

Election of UFFAB Chair for FY08/09:

Katlin asks for nominations for the UFFAB Chair for next year. Tamla nominates herself. Matt nominates himself.

Katlin asks each candidate to give a brief bio and tell the Board why they would like to be Chair of UFFAB.

Tamla tells the group that, as a UFFAB member since its inception, she has the historical knowledge of the projects the UFFAB has reviewed and approved. In addition, she has been involved with a variety of committees in her tenure on campus and currently is a member of the UTFAB. She is also Vice Chair for UFFAB this year and feels that all this experience and knowledge make her a good candidate for Chair of UFFAB.

Matt told the group that he an Engineering student and is looking for opportunities to maximize his involvement on campus. He is currently on his fraternity board, the College of Engineering Council and UFFAB and wants like to expand his involvement opportunities by chairing the UFFAB next year.

Katlin asks Tamla and Matt to step out of the room while a vote is taken. The students submit their votes in writing to Katlin. Katlin counts the votes: 5 votes for Matt and 1 for Tamla. Matt will be Chair of UFFAB next year.

Sign for UFFAB-funded Projects:

Toni passes the sign mock-up around for the students to see. Julie prefers the wood be natural color rather than painted. Perhaps a stain a little darker than the brackets. The group agrees with Julie that natural wood will be better and would like to see of digital mock-up with a couple of different stains used. The group will then vote on the one they like best. The look receiving the most votes will be used for the signs. Toni will work

with Josh Brewinski to have the digital mock-up prepared and send it out to the students for their vote.

The Great Hall Furniture Plan Study: Toni showed the group a design board of various pieces of furniture that are being considered for the Great Hall. This is just preliminary for now. Another campus group is also reviewing the selection of furniture. The students want to ensure that they have the opportunity to see other options for furnishings before a final decision is made since it is UFFAB money that is funding the purchase of the furniture for the Great Hall.

Academic Instruction Building:

Linda Wagner presents the latest design layouts they have been exploring for the Academic Instruction Building. She shows the site lines for the classrooms and auditorium and talks about how they are addressing student concerns from previous meetings. The architects will be working with a consultant to ensure the best layout with good site lines for the classrooms.

Linda oriented the students to the layout of the building in relation to the Clark Building and Yates Hall and the pedestrian plaza. She shows them the site plan with two plazas and outside seating and landscape. The north side of the building facing Clark will not have much in the way of landscaping.

The architects are trying not to go too deep with the auditorium and other rooms. They will have this worked out by the time they come back to the UFFAB meeting Sept. 11, 2008.

Linda led the discussion about things such as lighting, open areas, water features, textures of materials to be used and other features that could enhance the experience of being in the building.

The group talked about the main floor, the seating for the study areas and wifi café. They discussed having benches along the walls similar to Clark A-Wing, artwork in various areas of the first floor, the atrium area, furniture possibilities.

The students want to see lots of light in all the spaces. They want the wi-fi café to have a small kitchenette with running water and a sink so a vendor can make coffee and perhaps have pastries or other snacks available. The students do not care to have the coffee made at the Student Center and have it brought over. They would like an outside vendor to run the café. They do not want to see vending machines – place them in an out of the way nook or cranny.

Pat talked about IMAX for the auditorium. It appears that having an IMAX theatre may not be possible due to the requirements by IMAX doing digitalization locally and to have a certain number of showings run for a specific number of hours each day. This would

not work with the University class schedules. Going back to the big screen idea is the more viable solution.

Katlin thanked all the architects for presenting and discussing this project.

There being no more business to discuss, Katlin asked for a motion to adjourn. Adam moves to adjourn. Matt seconds the motion.

Meeting is adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be September 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Location: TBD