

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2010
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Attending: Tamla Blunt, Graduate School, Chair
Erik Garcia, College of Natural Sciences, Vice Chair
Zach Laraway, College of Natural Resources
Terrance Unrein, College of Applied Human Sciences
Cara Kulbacki, Undeclared Leadership Council (formerly IUAC)
Laura Bishop, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med. Sci.
Joseph Garcia, College of Business
Jesse Jankowski, College of Engineering

Associate Members:
Hilary Smith, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med. Sci.
Brady Babbitt, College of Applied Human Sciences

Ex-Officio Members:
Brian Chase, Director, Facilities Management
Chelsea Floyd, Facilities Management, Staff Support

Members Absent: Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts

Associate Members Absent:
Elan Alford, Graduate School
Lisa Vigil, College of Natural Sciences
Pete Winterscheidt, College of Engineering
Matthew Hoppal, College of Business

Ex-Officio Members Absent:
Patrick Burns, Assoc. V.P. for Info. & Instr. Tech., Advisor to UTFAB
Toni Scofield, Facilities Management, Staff Support
Jenny Romanin, Student Fee Review Board

Guests:
Chase Eckerdt, student representative from ASCSU
Jack Ecker, Student representative from ASCSU

I. **Call to Order:**

Chair, Tamla Blunt, calls the meeting to order.

Quorum is present.

II. **Approval of March 4, 2010 Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2010.
Minutes approved.

III. **Old Business:**

A. *The purpose of this meeting was to decide if there is enough interest in funding the eight main project proposals to constitute an increase in the student facility fees.*

1. Tamla gave the Board a spreadsheet detailing the proposed projects with their estimated costs. She also handed out a list of past projects funded by facility fees in 2005 paired with the amount of donor funds and total project cost. Also included were comparisons of CSU's student facility fees to other colleges in the area. The Board was asked if they want to move forward with the student facility fee increase. From responses from a few colleges they feel that there is value within some of these projects and that an increase in fee may be warranted. The College of Applied Human Sciences has suggested a "grandfathered" fee, where underclassmen are the only ones to be affected by the fee increase.

Other colleges agree that a fee may be warranted. The College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences wants a compromise. The Warner College of Natural Resources is ready for an increase of the entire \$10.

Guest, Jack Ecker, representative from ASCSU, stated that about 60% of the student body seems unaware of the fee increase and what the fee entails based on a key pad survey with ASCSU. It was noted that this may be due to individual due diligence since the Board went to great lengths to advertise and hold an open forum aimed at student awareness. Ecker's personal opinion is to have a discussion to increase the fee and seemed to be open to the possibility. It was also pointed out that an email was sent to all of ASCSU to inform them of the open forum.

All colleges are willing to discuss the fee increase.

2. Discussion ensued:

Brian Chase points out that more money may be available due to the possibility of changing interest rates on bonds and that these projected totals are only estimates.

Dr. Frank has requested the Board make a decision and make a recommendation. The President has remained unbiased through this process and has not indicated expectations for the outcome. Priority list in order: Library, Eddy, Animal Sciences, Misc. Classrooms, Engineering II, TILT Addition, Forestry Upgrade, Visual Arts.

The top 8 proposals include three new buildings and the rest are renovations. It was noted that Animal Sciences is in need of a lot more work and that this proposal is frugal in comparison to what the college needs. Maintenance fee question posed. The University has never used the student fees for maintenance work. Some of these projects resemble maintenance issues, but it becomes a renovation cost when things are so old that they are not working anymore. It is important to make a clear distinction between repairs and renovations. Eddy, for example, resembles a maintenance issue the most. This project is asking students to pick up the slack for lack of state funding of maintenance. Because of this, the Board has a decision to make for the future of UFFAB funding. Will the Board fill in the gaps where state funding may be lacking or will they agree to fund only remodels and upgrades with student money?

The estimated costs will lower if the Board decides to only fund classroom updates and air conditioning.

Zach Laraway, Warner College of Natural Resources, poses the argument that he would be upset as a student if he knew his facility fee was going to maintenance. Brian points out that a portion of our tuition does go to maintenance already.

If the Board decides not to fund Engineering II then there would be money to fund every other project in full, but the Engineering II building could be a defining feature of CSU's campus. However, the building is designed to build in loaves and UFFAB is able to fund only a portion of the cost and the College will have to raise the rest and the same goes for the Library.

Comment made that \$25-30 million would be the bare minimum UFFAB is able to give to Engineering to get their project going. In doing this and cutting back to funding only classrooms and air conditioning (no funding toward maintenance issues) the Board will be able to fund everything with a \$6 increase.

Joseph Garcia, from the College of Business, gave the Board a handout mapping the space in the Library consumed by books. His point was that E-

books are gaining popularity and the Library may be able to cut down their project by using the space currently consumed by books. However, the bottom line is the Library still needs more space after the current book space has been taken over. This space is going to be used for group study rooms. Main point is that with the book removal, there still won't be enough space.

TILT isn't getting anyone excited. Suggestion to drop TILT from the list.

Consensus to keep the fee at a nice round number like \$5 or \$10 increase.

This year freshman enrollment dropped, but transfer student numbers came up. The projected future student enrollment is estimated to stay flat; we're not going to see a huge enrollment increase.

Decision: Increase the student Facility fee amount by \$5 and to a total of \$15 per credit hour. This amount will generate \$60 million in building construction but will reduce the amount requested for all buildings; fund only classroom remodels and additions and not maintenance projects; fund the Library at a reduced rate of \$16.4 million.

Board was then asked to rank the projects individually on the handout provided and asked to rate the following projects:

	High							Low	Total:
Priority Ranking:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Engineering-	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	3	56
TILT Addition-	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	60
Library Addition-	6	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	26
Eddy Hall-	3	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	28
Visual Arts-	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	3	66
Animal Sciences-	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	0	42
Misc. Classroom-	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	55
Forestry Upgrade-	1	0	0	0	2	5	2	1	63

Resulting list in order of highest to lowest priority according to UFFAB funding:

Library, Eddy, Animal Sciences, Misc. Classrooms, Engineering II, TILT Addition, Forestry Upgrade, Visual ArtsFinal decision made for UTFAB recommendation and budget proposal and recommendation to President Tony Frank:

The TILT project was officially dropped from the list. The following itemizes each project and the amount UFFAB is willing to fund toward classroom upgrades, remodels, and excluding maintenance issues:

Engineering II	\$30 million
TILT	\$0.00
Library	\$16.4 million
Eddy classroom upgrades	\$ 2 million
Visual Arts classroom upgrades	\$ 2 million
Animal Sciences	\$2 million
Misc. classroom upgrades	\$ 1 million
Forestry Classroom upgrades/ ADA access	<u>\$ 1 million</u>
Total UFFAB funding:	\$ 54.4 million

The \$54.4 million funded will require a \$5 per credit hour student facility fee increase.

Motion made to increase the student facility fee by \$5 to fund \$54.4 million worth of construction is made and seconded. All were in favor and none abstained, motion carries.

IV. Next meeting will be March 25th in room 303 General Services Building at 5 p.m.

Motion to adjourn is made and seconded.

Meeting is adjourned.