

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday 10 February 2011
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Present: Tamla Blunt, Graduate School, Chair
Jesse Jankowski, College of Engineering, Vice Chair
Brittany Bernard, Warner College of Natural Resources
Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts
Joseph Garcia, College of Business
Laura Bishop, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.
Lisa Vigil, College of Natural Sciences
Elizabeth Wolfson, College of Agricultural Sciences

Members Not Present: Representative, College of Agricultural Sciences
Matt Baca, College of Applied Human Sciences

Members at Large Not-Present: Justin Safady, College of Business

Associate Members Present: Hilary Smith, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.
Teresa Molello, College of Applied Human Sciences
Christopher Johnson, College of Business

Associate Members Not Present: Elan Alford, Graduate School
Matthew Hoppal, College of Business

Ex – Officio Members Present: Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Eric Berlinger, SFRB Liaison
Brian Chase, Faculty Advisor

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from 27 January 27

Motion was made to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Laura Bishop and Lisa Vigil. Minutes approved.

Tamla Blunt commented on the Washington School purchase approval and mentioned that more information would be handed out at the next meeting.

III. Presentations for Small Cash Funded Projects

a. Updates on Library Café: Heather Mourer, Designer, Interior Design Director, studiotrope; Per Hogestad, Facilities Architects.

Heather Mourer commented on how her company is working closely with campus architects including Per Hoestad to help modernize the library. The old colors on the walls are white, lavender, mints, and yellows. Her company is working to use colors to illustrate the different zones of the library.

Entry Zones- Greens

West Side- Blues

Historic Wing- Plum

Heather Mourer talked about how these colors will help with navigation through The Morgan Library. Her company is also working on recovering chairs with new upholstery, bringing in new seating surfaces, updating the study carrels which will include more power and data storage for laptops, as well as bringing in more collaborative space with curved lounge seating for group work and participations.

Lisa Montebello commented on the plans to make the library a less public view and more of a natural private home, intuitive space by pulling down walls, opening space up and redoing signage. There will also be punches of color that identify spaces and line patterns that will guide you to those spaces. In addition, three environmental patterns that will designate quiet study spaces versus other places in the library. These quiet study spaces are referred to as meditation chambers, and will have clean, calming patterns.

Lisa Montebello commented on how studiotrope's goal with design is to develop a relationship to the library and make it less overwhelming.

Heather Mourer commented on "The Cube" and how it will be a large glass building that will be open 24/7 and will allow students to study in groups as well as individually.

Lisa Montebello asks the Board about a font she has chosen for the new signage in the library, that would be painted onto the walls instead of plastic signage. Her goal is to have the sign blend into the scenery when students are not looking for it, and to have it be obvious when students are looking for specific signs.

Tamla Blunt commented that the font is readable and much better than plastic signage.

The boards that Heather Mourer and Lisa Montebello brought to demonstrate were left in the room for further viewing after the meeting.

b. College of Applied Human Sciences Presentation: Gifford Computer Lab Renovation Presented by Dave Carpenter, Director of IT for College of Applied Human Sciences

Dave Carpenter, the Director of IT for the College of Applied Human Sciences began his presentation by stating that there are six computer labs for Applied Human Sciences student use and there are only 350 seats. He then described information about the college such as it is the 2nd largest college on campus and it houses majors such as Interior Design and Construction Management. He stated that Gifford is the largest of the computer labs in the college and that it is separated into two distinct rooms. There is one way to access the lab and the two rooms are simply separated by a wall.

Dave Carpenter stated how the use of the front lab is for open use, it is not scheduled for classes, it has 48 seats, and that the lab is open 7am-midnight. The back lab is occasionally scheduled for classes but is also occasionally an open use computer lab. In total the Gifford Computer Lab has 78 computers.

Dave Carpenter showed the Board graphs of the daily and weekly usage of the computers as well as maps of both computer labs, and pointed out the half walls in the front lab which leaves the orientation fixed and prevents anything from being added to the room. He pointed out that the back lab has a lot of walls and unusable space and that all students in the classroom face away from the teacher and the projector screen, including a row which forces students to face with their backs to the front of the room.

Dave Carpenter pointed out that the problems in the computer lab are the overcrowding of the space since it is the most heavily trafficked lab space. As well as the poor quality of the space, he commented on how the furniture was bought for older technology and is not for smaller monitors, how the back lab is bad for instruction, and the problems with lighting and the direct florescent lights make it difficult to get a good image on the screen. He stated that the College does receive technology fees however those fees do not allow them to remodel.

Dave Carpenter proposed solutions to the problem including new paint, new flooring, new furniture, new lighting, increased capacity to allow for collaboration, as well as to fix the back lab so that all students face the front of the room.

The total cost estimate for the project was \$431, 339, however they are only asking for \$259,339.63 from UFFAB which will pay for the components of the room that cannot be paid for by student technology fees. UFFAB money will only pay for facilities. Dave Carpenter commented on how this is a one-time request, it involves nothing on-going, and how they hope to complete this over Summer 2011. The increased potential capacity for the room is 72 computers which

increase capacity almost 50%; however, the renovation will focus on the quality of the space and not just the quantity of seats.

Natalie Verderame from the College of Applied Human Sciences made a personal testament on how the Gifford lab is the most convenient and inconvenient computer lab in the college at the same time. Convenient because of its location of campus, however, inconvenient for the space.

Dave Carpenter thanks the Board for listening to his presentation.

c. Anthropology Presentation: Renovate Labs in Clark Building Presented by John Didier, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Kathleen Sherman, Chair, Department of Anthropology

Associate Dean of Liberal Arts John Didier introduced himself and thanked the Board for reviewing their proposal.

John Didier stated that the nature of his proposal is to renovate the Anthropology Bone Lab in Clark A basement, which the Anthropology Department acquired after the Psychology Department moved to the Behavioral Sciences Building. He commented that in the Bone Lab there is no technology, that the lab is a very physically interactive lab, and the HVAC system has not been available for renovation due to the asbestos. He commented that when the Anthropology Department acquired the room they tore out walls and it became an archeological lab, however, it has no technology including smart room technology, and that the Anthropology Department needs better technology in order to carry out undergraduate and graduate proposals.

Chairwoman of the Department of Anthropology, Kathleen Sherman, passed around pictures to demonstrate the nature of the room and why they need to remodel.

Kathleen Sherman commented that Anthropology is a field-based class where students bring outside objects into the classroom to further observe them. The department needs instructional labs for the students and would like fully renovated labs for both biological and archeology students. She commented on how the biggest problem besides technology in the room is the lighting. Student evaluations always point out that lighting and lack of two-tone lights is problematic as well as the poor audio/visual equipment. This is explained by the fact that the labs have not been remodeled in 20 years and their sustainability is limited.

Kathleen Sherman commented on the fact that when students are touring the college, they are concerned with the conditions of the labs and when they become students they struggle to operate efficiently in labs. The Anthropology Department believes that renovated labs would bring more students into the

College. Not only would the Department be able to invite more students but they feel that renovation could attract Alumni and donors to help support the major.

The proposal by the College is asking for new technology and lighting to help students explore their material. The first half of money they receive would go toward technology and the second half would go toward renovation of the labs. The College is looking for about \$100,000 that would go toward furniture, cabinets, attached lab tables, and smart technology.

Joseph Garcia asked how many students this project would benefit.

Kathleen Sherman replied that Biology/Anthropology is an All-University Core Curriculum class and that there are approximately six sections of the course each semester, as well as, 300-400 level classes.

Laura Bishop proposed college technology fees and the fee's uses.

Kathleen Sherman commented that the fees went to better instructional materials such as artifacts for students.

Tamla Blunt suggested that the Anthropology Department contact UTFAB for the smart room technology because that is not in UFFAB's purview, and commented that the possibility of joint funding between UTFAB and UFFAB would most definitely be entertained.

Kathleen Sherman commented that approximately \$30,000 of the \$100,000 budget went to smart room technology leaving the Anthropology Department to only need \$70,000 for facilities.

Kathleen Sherman thanked the Board for their time and left.

Tamla Blunt stated that after presentations the Board will take legitimacy votes for the projects, but final votes will not be made until all the presentations are done.

Tamla Blunt proposed discussion for the Gifford computer lab.

Joseph Garcia thinks that it is bad that all the students in the room do not face forward.

Vincent Crespin stated that he felt it was good to know that all UFFAB money would be going to only physical aspects of the room.

Joseph Garcia motioned to approve a legitimacy vote. Lisa Vigil seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor, and no one opposed.

Tamla Blunt proposed a discussion for the Anthropology lab remodel. She commented on her confusion that they did not know about UTFAB.

Laura Bishop commented on how they need technology in the room.

Tamla Blunt proposed the Board legitimize a remodel if the Anthropology Department goes to UTFAB for the technology. Vincent Crespin clarified that UFFAB decides what parts of proposals they want to approve and that an entire proposal does not need to be approved for funding for the project to be funded. Tamla Blunt clarified that this is correct. A motion was made and seconded for legitimization of the project minus the technology.

The proposal was legitimized for \$70,000.

d. Department of Chemistry Proposal for Remodel of Room for NMR Spectroscopy: Small Cash Funded Project Request

Tamla Blunt commented on how she received an email with a proposal for a remodel of the NNMR Spectroscopy lab. This lab serves a couple hundred students and everyone who takes O-chem works in this lab, which the board determined were a lot more than 200 students.

Laura Bishop commented on the horrible condition of the room, how the NMR takes up a lot of the space in the room and there are only four computers in the room to do analysis on.

Tamla Blunt commented on how the lab would be moved to the fifth floor of Yates Hall.

Laura Bishop proposed a presentation.

Tamla Blunt suggested that his proposal would be added on at the end of all of the currently scheduled presentations.

e. Update on Hanging or Behavioral Sciences Atriums

Tamla Blunt commented on the hanging sculptures in the Behavioral Sciences Building which will be installed over spring break. The hangings were originally Plexiglass; however, those did not meet fire standards, so instead the pieces in the sculpture will be metal.

IV. Next Meeting: 24 February 2011 @ 5pm in 303 General Services Building

V. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.