

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday 3 November 2011
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Present: Tamla Blunt, Graduate School, Chair
Laura Bishop, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med., Vice Chair
Teresa Molello, College of Applied Human Sciences
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources
Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts
Chris Johnston, College of Business
Jacob Medina, College of Natural Sciences
Jesse Jankowski, College of Engineering
Jenna Muniz, ULC

Members Not Present: College of Agricultural Sciences

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

Associate Members Present: Jessica Toney, College of Business
Cody Stolenburg, College of Applied Human Sciences

Associate Members Not Present: Elan Alford, Graduate School

Ex – Officio Members Present: Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Daphne Frey, Staff Support
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management, Facilities Management
Steve Abt, Vice President of University Operations Facilities Advisor

Ex – Officio Members Not Present:

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from 20 October 2011

Motion made to approve minutes by Jesse Jankowski. Jenna Muniz made second to the motion.

Minutes approved.

III. Occupational Therapy: Dr. Wendy Wood, Professor and Department Head for Occupational Therapy

Dr. Wendy Wood passed out a paper PowerPoint and sketches an area desiring to be renovated to The Board. She stated that it was part of the preliminary proposal, and introduced herself and thanked The Board for being invited.

Dr. Wendy Wood introduced herself as the Head of the Occupational Therapy Department. She stated that the department has no desire to change anything on the exterior of the building. She stated that the department has already paid for a master plan which was developed by Per Hogestad of Facilities. She stated that her desire is to optimize space utilization and to meet the growing need of students both in and out of the Occupation Therapy department.

Dr. Wendy Wood stated that the Occupational Therapy program is a “graduate’s only” program which has experienced a 25% enrollment increase. The desire for the proposal is to provide coherent architecture to identify the building. The entire cost of renovation is \$356,025 which is approximately \$77 per square foot; however, only \$266,025 is being requested from UFFAB. The other \$90,000 of the proposal will be funded through Occupational Program fees.

Dr. Wendy Wood stated that the intention is to do the bulk of the renovations during summer 2012. She showed pictures of the main entrance and highlighted the dark, drab and poorly lit feeling of the building. She stated that renovations would not be getting into the “guts” of the building. She stated that the first floor does not have an alive feeling and the intention is to liven up the space and increase dedicated student space on the first floor by creating a student resource room with computers and other technologies. Dr. Wood described that there is a three dimensional sculpture that has a sense of meaning and how to continue with life after disability. She stated that the symbol would be on each floor and would function to tie the whole building together.

Dr. Wood stated that the 2nd floor currently has modular office spaces and it is the home to the ATRC and CCP. The main office on the second floor can currently hold one staff member and one student hourly worker. Accompanying all renovation will be interior windows and better lighting. She described the intention for a clearly

defined central office space which would pull all of the staff offices to a centralized area. This design would add five student work areas on the 2nd floor.

Dr. Wood described that the 3rd floor also has a lot of modular dividers for cubicles that take up more space than desired. The 3rd floor renovations would allow for a reception area and would more efficiently create student work areas. There would be a gain of 15-18 work areas as well as a conference room. Dr. Woods showed a summary of the Occupational Therapy graduate student benefits and stated that this is a top ranked program. She also gave summary for both CSU OT students and CSU non-OT student areas.

Chris Johnston asked more specifically what services were for non-Occupational Therapy Students.

Marlina Lanini stated that there are currently two centers that serve students with disabilities. She stated that one service is assisted technology aid with academics as well as physical occupational therapy. She stated the program has a strong focus on War Veterans who are now CSU students with different mental and physical disabilities. She also stated that the program helps students who transfer from different community colleges to help them adjust with the transition.

Dr. Wendy Woods stated that currently there is a window of time in which to grow and the department is in a period where they are accumulating sufficient funds to higher staff for future years and at this point they have the funds to create matching funds for the building.

Dr. Woods thanked The Board for their time.

IV. Electronic Graphic Arts Addition: Gary Voss, Department Chair, Art Department

Dr. Gary Voss introduced himself to The Board as the Chairman of the art department, along with co-presenter Cyane Tornatzky. He stated that the proposal would benefit the curriculum of students like Cyane who study electronic graphic art. They hope to move forward in anticipation of this growth. The proposal expressed the desire to create an electronic concentration. It is expected that next year alone 50-60 students will move through the program which could lead to the concentration being the single largest in the Art Department in the years ahead. Professor Voss described that the building is currently a central spine with buildings that extend off with wings that are specific concentrations. According to the proposal a new addition will be built onto the building in the current place of the court yard.

Cyane stated that the court yard currently only has trees and is really only used as a place for students to smoke. She stated that there are 750 art students that are using one computer lab and the proposed space is underutilized. The addition would have

no carpet, include a soundproof room as well as other specific rooms that are needed for the department and would not have carpet.

Dr. Voss stated that there is a 13% increase projected in jobs in web design and there are only 50 similar programs offered at other Universities in the United States which would make the program incredibly desirable. This is reinforced by the fact that a lot of universities are closing programs in electronic art design. Professor Voss expressed interest in the idea of this addition going across disciplines as well as the potential for a gallery that would be open to students 24/7. Professor Voss expressed the need for another computer classroom. He also described the desire for a gallery that would be very long for the use of projection art work, as well as a recording studio that would be soundproof, a 3D printer room, and equipment room, as well as a poster room to display the Colleges extensive poster collection. He stated that the addition could be configured using existing space because the proposal basically only adds walls and a ceiling to the existing building.

Jesse Jankowski favored the idea that the building would only take up space that is currently an unused courtyard.

Steve Hultin stated that the addition would improve the thermal efficiency of the building decreasing the utility costs.

Professor Voss stated that the building currently has 77 exterior doors and this addition would take out three therefore decreasing security concerns.

Cody Stolenburg asked how this addition relates with the 3D printer previously mentioned.

Professor Voss stated that the printer is used by sculpture students and it currently is in the same space as the sculpture area which causes large amounts of dust. He also stated that it would bring everything together creating a more centralized area.

Lexi Evans shared her concerns about security and the 24 hour gallery.

Cyane stated that in the conceptual design Per Hogestad designed the 24-hour gallery to decrease security concerns by have a single entrance and locking doors to all other areas of the building.

Professor Voss and Cyane thanked The Board for their time.

V. Library Update: Pat Burns, Dean of Libraries

Pat Burns gave The Board an update on the library stating that the update was going to be very progressive. He stated that books that were on the upper floors are

currently being moved to more compact shelving on the basement level. He stated that construction is currently redoing spaces upstairs and the downstairs computer area was finished over the summer.

He stated that he has seen an increase in student attendance and the building has been pretty busy.

The third floor is pretty much done and construction added study rooms with really comfortable furniture.

The entire remodel is scheduled to finish in July 2012.

New multimedia editing room will be built in the next five months.

There will be a liquid galaxy in the building which is able to access real time Google earth with large monitors to view data that surrounds individuals.

The auditorium is currently on time and on budget.

Morgan's Grind has been very successful in replacing the coffee kart and isolating the noise of the coffee shop.

Construction on the second floor is about to begin and it will be taken off line next semester.

Lexi Evans asked if there was going to be construction during finals week.

Pat Burns stated that he was not entirely sure about the state of construction during finals week but during finals week last May there was a significant slow down of construction and that helped to quiet the space down. He assumes that the same will happen this year. Extended hours will also occur the three weeks before finals. He believes the Library is coming along beautifully and commented that great progress is being made on The Cube.

Cody Stolenburg asked it is still planned for only one exit.

Pat Burns replied that there would indeed be only one exit because of the security and expense to pay staff to sit at open exits; however, there are many emergency exits. He stated that the auditorium and construction on the main stairwell should be done in the next few weeks and the plan is to continue to incrementally block areas off.

VI. Legitimacy Vote on Projects Presented at This Meeting

Tamla opened discussion on the Occupation Therapy building remodel. She stated that she has been in the building and there is no signage and the building is very bland.

Justin Safady made a motion to legitimize. Lexi Evans made a second to the motion. All in favor of legitimization. Legitimacy vote approved

Tamla Blunt opened discussion for the Visual Arts addition, reminding The Board that it is not really an addition but simply put, a wall.

Jesse Jankowski stated that he has an interest in the overlap between Computer Sciences and the Art Department and expressed concern about the two being similar programmatically and the potential for them to use the same computer workspaces.

Pat Burns reminded everyone that the Electronic Art students would work more on the design of a website as opposed to the information.

Jenna Muniz expressed that she was pleased to see such detail in where the money would be going towards in the proposal.

Tamla Blunt stated that the proposal does not include any technology, UFFAB would only fund the wing and construction of the wing with necessary infrastructure and such, and she stated that she does not see a budget opinion or quote.

Steve Hultin stated that it is early enough in conceptual design that there is only cost opinion and Per Hogestad does not have concrete costs to work with yet.

Chris Johnston expressed concern that the 50-60 student numbers seemed low.

Tamla Blunt clarified that that number was only for the concentration.

Jacob Medina stated that the 24 hour area would allow for more student flow through the building as well.

Laura Bishop stated that she favored the project because there are less than 50 other programs like this which adds to the desirability of the project to UFFAB and the University to outside students.

Justin Safady stated that he was concerned with budget cuts coming from the State directed at art programs and that he did not wish to fund a project that could be closed in a year.

Pat Burns stated that more students in the programs could equal less budget cuts. Estimates are predicting fewer cuts in future years and right now the University is only looking at another 3-6% more in cuts. This project could be a solution because the doubling student count would make a statement.

Steve Hultin stated that other people will see Colorado State University increasing the art program and it will bring in more students.

Justin Safady stated that he did not believe that it was a good idea to put millions of dollars into a project that could be shut down by budget cuts.

Laura Bishop reminded The Board that Amy Parsons and Rick Miranda had mentioned this project as one of their priorities in a previous meeting.

Tamla Blunt reminded The Board that this is just the legitimacy vote and a final vote will be made later in the semester.

Jessie Jankowski stated that this was almost an eighth of the UFFAB budget.

Tamla Blunt stated that this was in actuality only approximately a fifth of the total budget.

Pat Burns reminded The Board that they would be getting more proposals than funding and before final votes they would have to look at the By-laws and best allocate the money according to the needs of the students.

Chris Johnston made a motion to legitimize while keeping in mind the issue of budget cuts. Jesse Jankowski made a motion to second.

Justin Safady opposed the legitimization vote. However, all others were in favor of the vote.

The project was legitimized.

Steve Hultin questioned The Board about previous discussion about decreasing vandalism on campus.

Jesse Jankowski suggested writing a letter from The Board to the Newspaper. Jesse will draft a letter before the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: November 17, 2011 @ 5pm in 303 General Services Building

VIII. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.