

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 11, 2012
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Present: Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts, Chair
Jenna Muniz, ULC, Vice Chair
Teresa Molello, College of Applied Human Sciences
Kalyn Miller, College of Business
Alex Brown, College of Engineering
Andy Shank, College of Natural Sciences
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources
Ryan Knodle, College of VMBS

Members Not Present:

Members at Large Present: Andrew Olson, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present: Hillary Brown, College of Applied Human Sciences
Alexandria Schultz, College of Liberal Arts

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present: Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Daphne Frey, Staff Support
Lindon Belshe, SFRB Liaison
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management, Facilities Management

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member

Visitors: Rick Miranda, Provost and Executive Vice President
Amy Parsons, Vice President for University Operations

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2012

Motion made to approve minutes by Andy Shank. Jenna Muniz made second to the motion. All members were in favor of approving the minutes from October 4, 2012.

Minutes approved.

III. Discussion with Provost Rick Miranda and Vice President of University Operations Amy Parsons on current proposed projects

Rick Miranda began the discussion by thanking the Board for allowing himself and Amy to come visit and talk about current projects. He explained that the main conversation of the night would center around campus growth and how that effects UFFAB.

Provost Miranda explained that the campus would go through a very fast growth period, from 27,000 students to 35,000 students, within the next decade according to President Frank's announcements this fall. The growth to 35,000 students is estimated to be the max footprint for main campus to allow the University to follow its principles such as preserving green space and high quality residence halls.

The State of Colorado will also help push campus growth. The population of Colorado is increasing and so is the number of students graduating high school. The University needs to provide a place for these students to receive a high quality education so they can continue their education without having to leave the state.

The University also wants to attract more students from out of state. Since these student pay more in tuition, it will help close the gap where the University used to receive funds from the state government.

Putting all three of these growth principles together (keeping basic principles, high quality in-state program, and attractive University for out-of-state students) will help the campus grow at the fastest rate the University has ever planned for and put this much effort in to.

Provost Miranda challenged the Board to think about how the University is going to have infrastructure to satisfy that many students and how this Board can be apart of this effort. The University will need more classrooms, beds for students, housing, lab spaces, professors, etc. Provost Miranda recognized that the Board's main goal is to serve students directly, but would also like the Board to think of ways that other spaces for faculty and services also directly impact students. The Behavioral Science

Addition is a great example of serving the students directly with another large classroom on campus, but it also serves students with faculty space and study spaces.

Rick and Amy then discussed the current project priority with the Board. Right now they feel the greatest need on campus is new classrooms/teaching spaces and maintaining the classrooms the University already has. The Biology building is at the top of their priority for new classrooms/buildings, and maintenance on existing buildings is also at the top of their priority.

Amy Parson explained that maintenance is something no one wants to fund but is a necessity when building new spaces and keeping up with the old spaces. With the growth that is expected over the next decade, Facilities is going to struggle even more to find resources to maintain buildings. She explained that the University is going into a post state funded era.

Rick and Amy repeatedly stressed that no one is willing to fund maintenance. They like the idea of renovating buildings to include the surface maintenance (what makes it appealing to the eye) and interior maintenance (plumbing, HVAC, wiring) at the same time. They would like to give more attention to existing buildings by giving them new life by either adding on an addition such as the Visual Arts infill has done or by fixing up rooms inside the building.

Ryan Knodle asked Rick and Amy how they decide if it is more important to build a building for the most students or another building for a great program but that doesn't have as many students.

They explained that they consider both equally when looking at new buildings and projects on campus. They see it more important to ask questions like "Is the program growing?", "does this program attract students from in state as well as out of state?", "how will this building/renovation help attract more students?", "how many students are currently in the program?", etc.

Rick and Amy explained that the HES Teaching Facility proposal is a great example of this. The program is bursting at the seams and needs more space, but the Department has also recognized that they want to share the large 125 seat classroom with others on campus when their department isn't using it. This also works well with EII and Academic Village North coming online soon.

On the other hand, Rick and Amy see the Human Anatomy and Neuronatomy Learning Center very beneficial to a small, specialized group of students who are involved in a world class program.

Vincent Crespin brought up the question regarding the Boards ability to reserve future years funds for projects brought to the Board this year.

Rick and Amy see no problem with doing that. They see UFFAB money as University money, so it is all going to the greater good no matter if it gets spent this year or next year. They do caution the Board to not committ all funds for the future year for a current project.

They also stated that they like the idea on working with the University on large projects. They want to keep the door open and work together to get some of these projects funded completely. It will be a group effort.

Rick and Amy ended the discussion by reiterating to the Board their need for funding maintenance projects. They would like UFFAB to help fund maintenance projects such as HVAC, carpet, paint,plumbing, lighting, structural maintenance, etc. They realize that everyone likes to build the new building, but no one will put money into maintaining the buildings the University already has. Since the State is no longer releasing money specifically designated to maintenance, it's hard to get donor funds for maintenance projects. Rick and Amy believe that if all sides work together, each accomplishing items on their agendas, the University will come together and benefit greatly in the next decade. Rick and Amy would like to see UFFAB help this happen by funding maintenance projects in the future.

IV. Board discussion of current projects

Vincent opened discussion to the Board about the information Rick and Amy presented by beginning with the HES teaching facility project. He stated that he believes the Department needs something and likes the idea that they are willing to share with other departments on campus. Teresa stated that she will be meeting with Dr. Israel next week, most likely Thursday, to discuss this projects. If anyone on the Board has questions before then, please email them to Teresa.

Jenna began the conversation about the Microbiology B120 renovation. She likes this project and sees it directly benefitting the University in the way Rick and Amy were talking about.

The Board decided to take a legitimacy vote on the Microbiology B120 project. All members were in favor of legitimizing the Microbiology B120 project and one member was abstained.

V. Next Meeting: November 1, 2012 in Rockwell 119.

VI. Adjourn