

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 28, 2013
General Services Building 303

Members Present: Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts, Chair
Jenna Muniz, ULC, Vice Chair
Hillary Brown, College of Applied Human Sciences
Alex Brown, College of Engineering
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources
Kayln Miller, College of Business
Robert Harris, College of Natural Sciences
Ryan Knodle, College of CVMBS
Pasamon Pechrasuwan for Chelsey Crosse, Graduate School

Members Not Present:

Members at Large Present: Andrew Olson, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present:

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present: Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Daphne Frey, Staff Support
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management, Facilities Management
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindon Belshe, SFRB Liaison

Visitors:

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2013

Motion made to approve minutes by Lexi Evans. Andrew Olson made second to the motion. All Board members were in favor of approving the minutes from March 14, 2013.

Minutes approved.

III. Psychology Presentation: Kurt Kraiger, Chair, Department of Psychology

Kurt Kraiger introduced himself and began his presentation on the psychology club space renovation. He explained that there are three total organizations in Psychology who will benefit from the relocation and room upgrade. In total there are about 250-300 members between the three clubs and around 50-75 active members. These clubs perform service projects each year, provide information on graduate school and careers for students, peer mentoring, and offer various events for students to participate in.

The three organizations are currently using unused faculty offices, which will be taken over within the next 1-3 years for incoming faculty or graduate students. Clark C38 will be the new home for these organizations. The department is currently renting the room to Animal Science and will have the space back in December. If the Board approves this project, the Psychology Department will need to find a new location for Animal Science. The Psychology Department wants to provide these organizations with a comfortable and functional space for students.

The Psychology Department is asking for a total of \$22,625 for this project. This was the amount given in the first proposal and the second proposal sent stated the wrong amount of \$25,524.

The Board was given the chance to ask questions and the only concern from the Board was if this project needed to go to the Space Committee. Kristi cleared this up by explaining that this project did not need to go to the Space Committee because it is a department owned room.

IV. Psychology Discussion and Legitimacy Vote

The Board began discussion on the Psychology project by expressing that this project doesn't serve very many students and that it would only serve a select few. There was discussion regarding previous funding for a student organization space in Natural Resources but the Board felt that this project only serves officers and very few people

who may come for peer mentoring. The Board also felt that this project would cost \$22,625 and that asbestos would be found in Clark C.

Ryan Knodle made a motion for a legitimacy vote on the Psychology project and Lexi Evans seconded this motion. 3 Board members were in favor of legitimizing this project and 5 Board members were opposed to legitimizing this project. The Psychology Club Renovation was not legitimized by the Board due to the project not serving a large number of students and due to the limited budget the Board is faced with this semester.

V. Discussion and Final Vote on All Legitimized Spring Project Requests

Steve Hultin began discussion on final votes by explaining why the General Assignment Classroom upgrade was withdrawn. He explained that Facilities did a poor job of accounting on this project and when they cleaned up all accounts, it was discovered that there was more money in some accounts than originally thought. After compiling all accounts for this project there was almost \$1,000,000 left over, so the three projects submitted to the Board were withdrawn and will be funded with the left over money. Facilities will also use this money to renovate three classrooms in Chemistry and have a discussion next meeting on what the Board would like to see funded with any remaining money.

Steve also explained the accounting record and that the amount the Board has available to spend this semester is \$725,314. This number changed since last meeting because Ginger was able to make a definite head count on students.

Discussion on Adams Atkinson Arena Air Conditioning Installation:

The Board commented that this project seemed worthwhile for the cost. Members have heard personal tales of students who have class there and the heat in the fall and summer is very distracting. There was discussion on the actual number of students who use this classroom. Pat's data base says 161 students use the classroom per semester and the numbers from the presentation on the Arena say that 670 students use the classroom. Either way, the Board felt this project is worth considering and is priced reasonably.

Lexi Evans made a motion for a final approval of the air conditioning upgrade for classrooms in the Adams Atkinson Arena and Jenna Muniz seconded this motion. All Board members were in favor of approving \$12,000 for an AC upgrade in Adams Atkinson Arena.

Discussion on Chemistry Lobby Renovation:

The Board had much discussion on this project because it is not a classroom but is still used by students as a study space and as a representation of the University. The Board talked about the large number of people that travel through the building during a day, how many people use the large classrooms connected to the lobby area, and the overall feel of the lobby as it is now. Board members discussed the fact that this area

has little place for sitting before class, feels cold, and an upgrade would include an advising center which benefits students. One Board member questioned the start date of this project if it were approved and how that would affect class and students in the building. Steve noted that he was not 100% sure of a start date but possibly this summer, next winter break, or the following summer. He also explained that sometimes projects like this are more dependent upon furniture and not as much on the construction. Facilities is very good at working around students and it would not be an issue for classes.

One Board member stated that the Board should seriously consider the academic impact on this project. This project is a lobby upgrade and doesn't really improve academics directly. It is easy to adjust to an area outside of the classroom being visually unappealing or with less study area. A Board member countered this by saying that the image of the area around a classroom does matter because it gets students in the right frame of mind before they enter the classroom. It can also be beneficial to students as a group study area and that this space does affect many students on campus, especially freshman. One Board member reminded the Board that the department was funding \$50,000 of this project and that is not common when projects are presented to this Board.

Another Board member made an analogy to cattle – happy cattle are productive cattle. Happy students will be productive students.

A motion to approve the Chemistry Lobby Upgrade was made by Alex and seconded by Lexi. Six members were in favor of approving \$148,275 for renovating the Chemistry Lobby and 3 members were opposed. The Chemistry Lobby was approved for renovation.

School of Education Counseling Center Upgrade:

The Board began discussion by receiving an explanation of the technology breakdown. The new technology funding brought the cost down to \$145,895. The Board stated that this project served about 212 students and that appeared to be expensive for the small amount of people it serves. The Board liked the idea that it needed to look more professional but with the current budget this project was serving to few students.

Lexi made a motion to approve funding for the School of Education Counseling Center Upgrade and Robert seconded this motion. All Board members were opposed to funding this project due to the high cost and low number of students served. Motion failed.

VI. Cash flow – Carried over to next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: April 11, 2013

VIII. Adjourn