

University Facility Fee Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 29th, 2015 - 5:00-6:00 pm
303 GSB

Members present: Ashley Cypress- Chair
Sam Laffey- Vice Chair
Noah Taherkhani- College of Engineering
Annalis Norman- CVMBS
Zack Alves- College of Health and Human Sciences
Grace Fenske- College of Liberal Arts
Jeff Cook- Graduate College.
Clayton King – College of Liberal Arts
Rachel Largay- Warner College of Natural Resources

Members at Large present: Jeff Seligman- College of Veterinary medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Steve Hultin- Facilities Management, Advisor
Becca Wren- Staff Support
Savanna Bunnell- Staff Support
Kristi Buffington – Ex Officio
Tamla Blunt- Ex Officio

Presenters: Gay Israel – Professor, Health and Exercise Science
Barry Braun – Department Head, Health and Exercise Science
Gary Voss – Department Head, Art

I. Call to order at 5:00 PM

- a. Meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of minutes

- a. Jeff Cook moved to approve the minutes from December 4th, 2014.
- b. Clayton seconded.
- c. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- d. Minutes approved.

III. General Updates

- a. A total of 15 projects were submitted to UFFAB. Every college is represented with a proposal.
- b. Because of the amount of proposals, the committee will need to move to weekly meetings.

IV. Presentation – HES Supplemental Proposal – Gay Israel, Barry Braun

- a. **Total Ask - \$134,172**
- b. Funds will go towards paying off the bridge loan granted from administration.

- c. With an initial loan about of \$1,929,463, UFFAB already committed \$1,200,000, which is 62% of the funding. This obligation will end July 1st, 2015.
- d. Because of unforeseen circumstances, the new total is \$2,087,364, which drops UFFAB's contribution down to 58%.
- e. If UFFAB approves this supplemental funding, UFFAB's share will return to the 64% range and put HES back on track.
- f. HES is the largest major on campus and this funding will help supply furniture, technology, and equipment.
- g. The idea to come to UFFAB with this request came about after Gay presented an update on the project to the committee in November. In addition to requesting this money from UFFAB, the department is also requesting \$30,800 from UTFAB for additional technology needs.

Questions -

What is the potential for a second floor to be added to the building?

- a. A second floor can be added to the building at a later date. To do so will be expensive, but possible.

Where else have you gone to seek funding?

- a. The provost office has been in the conversation for more funding but there are many competing projects with very few recourses and HES is not confident that they will receive funding.

Would you accept partial funding from UFFAB?

- a. The specific amount of \$134,172 was chosen because it's the amount remaining to pay off the loan but of course, any amount of money will help.

What was the main cause for the increase in project costs?

- a. There was an unforeseen regulatory issue with the sewage system that cost much more than anticipated. Also, the project began at a time of high construction demand, which increased costs for many other projects, as well as the HES addition. Lastly, the cost of the furniture for these classrooms is more expensive because it can accommodate a regular or a flipped classroom environment.

Are the classrooms general assignment classrooms or are they department specific?

- a. The large classroom will be a general assignment and the smaller classroom will be used by the department.

What is was the main purpose for this addition?

- a. The HES program doesn't have enough classrooms and space to accommodate all of their students. Right now, many classes are scattered across campus and this addition will help anchor students to their peers and the program in one central location.

UFFAB already dedicated a significant amount to this project. The Board has many requests to consider with limited available funding. What makes this project stand out?

- a. For the most part, HES has paid its way on campus. Through fundraising, HES has raised about \$8 million for other projects. Portions of HES' programs are so innovative that they don't exist in any other University. Also, this addition will benefit many students by alleviating waitlists and creating an amazing learning environment.

V. Presentation - Visual Arts - Gary Voss

- a. **Total Ask - \$144,152**
- b. Funding will complete the renovation of the A, E, and C wings of the Visual Arts Building.
- c. This funding will go towards replacing lockers, shelving and cabinets, countertops, faucets, increase storage, increased safety for students, better ventilation, etc.
- d. The Art department makes an effort to be as cost efficient as possible by reusing and refurbishing as much as they can. Many advancements have been made to make the building better for students but there are still many concerns.
- e. There are 600 students in the Art department and every student in any art program uses the rooms needing to be remodeled.
- f. The renovations would allow the Art department to begin allowing non-Art majors to take an art class as an elective.

Questions -

Would you accept partial funding from UFFAB?

- a. Any funding goes a long way and the Art department would take anything UFFAB could offer.

Which wing is in the worst condition and has the highest priority for funding?

- a. Each wing is in equally poor condition and are at the same priority for funding.

If UFFAB funds this entire renovation project, how many non-major students could begin to take art classes?

- a. Ideally, after the renovation, any student could take an art class regardless of their major or department. The Art Department could also add more graduate programs and concentrations.

Has the Art Department seen an increase in students?

- a. Actually, the Art Department had a slight decrease in the number of students, dropping 9 students in the fall semester. Minor and double majors had to decrease to ensure that students in the department could graduate on time. However, the number of students always ebbs and flows.

Where did the renovation estimate come from?

- a. Dan Kowalski, a project manager from the Remodels and Construction Services group in Facilities Management compiled all of the estimates. He has over 20 years worth of experience in the construction industry.

Are students being turned away from classes because of the need to renovate?

- a. No student has been turned away from a class but students can no longer declare double majors.

Would Dean Gill of the College of Liberal Arts be willing to allocate more funding to this project?

- a. Dean Gill has already giving a substantial amount of funding to the department and the prospect of getting more is unlikely.

VI. Legitimacy Vote:

HES Supplemental Proposal

- a. Jeff Cook said that while paying a loan seems off-base for UFFAB, the money will still go towards completing the project and should be seen as legitimate.
- b. Noah sees the project as legitimate but sees more high priority projects coming to UFFAB.
- c. Jeff Seligman moved to legitimize the proposal.
- d. Jeff Cook seconded.
- e. All in favor, none opposed.
- f. Legitimacy vote passed.

Visual Arts

- a. The Visual Arts request did not change from last year; the figures and need for funding are the same. The project was legitimized last year but was not funded.
- b. Jeff Seligman moved to legitimize the proposal.
- c. Grace seconded
- d. All in favor, none opposed.
- e. Legitimacy vote passed.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 5th, 2015 – 5:00-6:00 pm, 303 GSB

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