

University Facility Fee Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 12th, 2015 - 5:00-6:00 pm

303 GSB

Members present: Sam Laffey- Vice Chair
Grace Fenske – College of Business
Clayton King – College of Liberal Arts
Rachel Largay- Warner College of Natural Resources
Annalis Norman- CVMBS
Brady Rink – College of Agricultural Sciences
Jessica Tomcheck – College of Natural Sciences
Zack Alves - College of Health and Human Sciences
Jessica Boyd – College of Engineering
Jeff Cook – Graduate College

Associate Members present: Liz Danke – CVMBS
Garrett Stockton - College of Health and Human Sciences
Magdalena Michel - College of Health and Human Sciences

Members at Large present: Jeff Seligman- CVMBS
Rachel Franz – College of Liberal Arts

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Steve Hultin - Advisor
Pat Burns – Ex-Officio
Tamlia Blunt – Ex-Officio
Becca Wren- Staff Support
Savanna Bunnell- Staff Support

Presenters: Ed Peyronnin – College of Agricultural Sciences
Kurt Kraiger – Department of Psychology

I. Call to order at 5:00 PM

- a. Meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jeff Seligman moved to approve the minutes from March 12th, 2015.
- b. Jeff Cook made note that his associate the week prior was Anne Byrne, not Nicole Ramo.
- c. Zack seconded.
- d. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- e. Minutes approved.

III. Presentation – Shepardson Computer Labs – Ed Peyronnin

- a. Total ask –
- b. **\$167,747.98**
- c. **Total cost per student = \$114**

- d. Funds would be used to install a drop ceiling in three computer labs and to upgrade the labs' HVAC systems, increasing student and professor comfort and reducing noise distractions.
- e. The outdated HVAC system is very noisy and distracting for students.
- f. The HVAC system also performs poorly and doesn't adequately cool or heat the rooms so students are constantly uncomfortable.
- g. The Shepardson building was constructed in 1938 and houses many classes for the College of Agricultural Sciences.
- h. The College of Agricultural Sciences has an enrollment of 1461 students (1228 undergrad and 233 graduate) across 5 different departments.
 - i. Based on a 12 credit model, the students of the College of Ag Sci pay a total of ~ \$167,747 in facility fees.
 - ii. The College has funded many upgrades for the labs, including advanced technology and security, keyless access, and some renovation work.
- i. One lab (123) is a graduate student only lab, one (218) is a mixed-use, College-wide lab, and one (222) is for undergrads only.
- j. Room 222 is used for new student/parent orientation and is the front face of the College of Agricultural Sciences. The college would like to present a better room for students and parents.
- k. All three labs are used year round by both undergraduate and graduate students.

Questions:

- a. Is the lighting listed in the budget opinion really necessary?
 - i. Yes, the lighting is very inefficient and noisy. It will be less expensive to combine the renovation to include new lighting than to wait to renovate the lighting later on.
- a. Other than UFFAB, what other department or area would pay for an HVAC upgrade?
 - ii. Complete HVAC systems are sometimes funded by the state's controlled maintenance fund, though they are contributing less and less to higher education. The Vice President for University Operations often allocates fund to upgrade poorly performing systems. UFFAB is also a great resource and often department/College provide matching funds.
- a. If UFFAB provides partial funding to this project, which room is the highest priority for remodeling?
 - iii. 218 is top priority, based on its capacity and mixed use for all CAS students.
- a. Can you explain the third-party code review fees listed in the budget opinion?
 - iv. Third-party agencies will come to assess all of the code issues associated with different rooms/buildings. Fees vary based upon the size of the room and the use of the room.

IV. Presentation – Clark C-Wing Psychology Labs

- a. Total ask: **\$49,088**
- b. Funds will be used to remodel the labs spaces C48, C49, C72A, C72B, C72C, C73, C76, C77, C78B, C78C in the Clark C-Wing basement to abate asbestos and modernize the rooms to make them more functional.
- c. The result of this, along with repurposing other rooms, will be about 11 additional rooms which will engage students in research related to applied social and health psychology.
- d. Many psychology students find success in high-level research at top level graduate schools.
 - i. Expanding the existing space the program has will allow many more students to follow the successful trend.

- e. Currently, psychology students do not have a space within the C-Wing basement to study collaboratively or work on group projects.
 - i. A remodel of the existing space would allow this.
- f. Students Served -**
 - i. Approximately 45-50 undergraduates actively work in these labs per year.
 - ii. Approximately 12-14 undergraduates do senior or honors theses yearly.
 - iii. Approximately 1,200 students participate in research studies
 - iv. Additional undergraduates from other research areas will also have access to the space
- g. Benefits**
 - i. Consolidated space creates identity and allows exposure to other research
 - ii. Increased capacity to run more studies and better studies (e.g., breakout rooms)
 - iii. Better configured space creates better research opportunities (and better learning experiences)
 - iv. More attractive environment encourages more students to 'hang out' and collaborate with others

Questions:

- a. Is there asbestos in this project?
 - i. Yes, the ceiling and floor tiles contain asbestos and will have to be abated properly. The cost for abatement is included in the budget opinion.
- a. What other sources of funding have you considered?
 - i. No other sources of funding have been considered.
- a. If we can only fund a portion of this project, which portion would you consider to be a priority?
 - i. C76 is top, C73A, and C77 is co-located next to 76, which is ideal as it creates three new sizable spaces.
- a. Is the department or the College willing to cost-share some of this project with UFFAB?
 - i. The department considered cost sharing but the renovation cost is too high. Departmental funds should be going to improving curriculum.

V. Legitimacy Vote

- a. Shepardson Computer Labs
 - i. Clayton moved to legitimize the proposal
 - ii. Zach seconded
 - iii. All those in favor: 12
 - iv. All opposed: 0
 - v. All abstained: 0
 - vi. Project is legitimized.
- b. Clark C-Wing Psychology Labs
 - i. Jeff Cook questioned weather replacing the ceiling tiles because they were stained is important for UFFAB to fund.
 - ii. Grace argued that the extreme staining of ceiling tiles is very distracting for learning and could help students focus in class better.
 - iii. Brady agreed and noted that the psychological testing being performed in the labs requires intense focus so the less distractions, the better.

- iv. Brady moved to legitimize the proposal.
- v. Grace seconded.
- vi. All those in favor: 12
- vii. All those opposed: 0
- viii. All abstained: 0
- ix. Proposal is legitimized.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 26th – 5:00-6:00 pm – 303 GSB