

University Facility Fee Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19th, 2015
303 GSB

Members Present: Sam Laffey - Chair
Clayton King- Vice Chair
Jeff Cook- Graduate College
Landon Wright - College of Liberal Arts
Luke Yeager- College of Business
Annalis Norman - CVMBS
Noah Taherkhani - College of Engineering
Raeghan Baker - College of Health and Human Sciences
Kalyn Blach - College of Agricultural Science
Rachel Largay - Warner College of Natural Resources

Members at Large Present: Kelsey Silver - ASCSU
Madison Tolan - CVMBS

Associate Members Present: Liz Danke - CVMBS

Other Members Present: Steve Hultin- Advisor
Sandy Sheahan – Co-Advisor
Becca Wren- Staff Support
Savanna Bunnell- Staff Support

I. Meeting was called to order

II. Approval of minutes -

- a. Noah moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
- b. Landon seconded
- c. All in favor, all 10

III. Cash Flow/Budget -

- a. The budgets are based on projected student credit hours, therefore it is wise for the Board to leave money that carries over to the next fiscal year, in case there is an unexpected decline in student enrollment.
- b. The UFFAB budget is separated into two components; large bonded projects that constitute 90% of the budget and cash funded projects that constitute 10% of the budget.
- c. Money that is not currently promised to projects remains in accounts and continue to accrue interest.
- d. Steve is available to answer any questions about UFFAB cash flow.

IV. AZ Extension Discussion

- a. Sam stated that the Board has two central questions they need to answer; will the Board grant the extension of \$1 million dollars to the A/Z project seen in the previous week, and if so, for how long?
- b. Landon expressed his support of granting the extension, however he has concerns about the environmental impact of the building. He would like to see the board maintain contact through the project and encourage them to strive for a LEED Gold certification.
- c. Kelsey asked if it would be possible to put in a clause in the extension requiring LEED Gold Certification.
 - i. Yes it is possible, but is logistically difficult. Becca noted that LEED Gold certification is included in the current program plan of the building.

- d. Jeff asked if Facilities requires LEED or has a standard regarding environmental certification.
 - i. Becca responded with LEED Gold is only require if it's a state funded building, but overall the University does strive to make all buildings as sustainable as possible.
 - ii. ASCSU recently passed a resolution to encourage diligent sustainable designs in new construction.
- e. Jeff made the point that LEED certification is not the only mean of measuring sustainability, and there should be focus on making the building energy efficient as well.
- f. Liz pointed out that high airflow in the labs is really important for student's safety, and will therefore require intense HVAC systems that may compromise some sustainability certifications but are still very crucial to the building.
- g. Sam added to this point by saying that the basis of the project is renovation of lab and is therefore a relatively small project on the scope of campus. While it is important to have LEED Gold buildings, this building does not have a significant footprint that needs to set an example for the rest of the university. Noah expressed his support for the extension, however suggested that this be the one and only extension. If the project doesn't have the remaining funds by the end of the extension, the department must resubmit the project to UFFAB.
- h. Raeghan echoed that the LEED is important but the student's health and quality of the lab is more important. She added that the Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences is in support of this project.
- i. Liz mentioned that she has sat in some meetings from people involved in the project and they are keeping it in mind in environmental impact of the building and the timeliness.
- j. Noah made a motion to approve the extension of \$1 million dollars to the AZ building addition project.
 - i. Jeff seconded
 - ii. All those in favor: 11
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 1
 - v. Motion passes

V. Discussion on length of extension

- a. Sam made the suggestion that the Board consider a two year extension.
- b. Steve pointed out that the Denver lodging tax has been approved and that \$15 million dollars will be going towards this project from that tax. However, the schedule for release of payment will not occur until 2018. If the Board only extends funding for two years, it is probable that the department would need to take out a short-term bridge loan.
- c. Clayton asked to have the next steps clarified.
- d. Steve explained that they would need to raise the remaining \$7 million dollars. He added that project managers and engineers are working towards decreasing the gap by redesigning as much as possible.
- e. Noah pointed out that the money would still be gaining interest while the project is waiting further funding.
- f. Jeff Cook echoed Steve, saying that will the Denver Lodging Tax, the department almost has enough funding and the Board should consider extending the payment until 12/01/18 (three-year extension).
- g. Annalis mentioned that she has discussed the extension with people within the department and they feel that 3 years is reasonable.
- h. Jeff made a motion to extend the payment until 12/1/2018.
 - i. Noah seconded.
 - ii. All those in favor: 11
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 1
 - v. Motion passes.
- i. Sam suggested that the Board include a clause that stated the UFFAB money cannot be spent until the entire balance of funding is raised.
- j. Jeff made the motion to include said clause.
 - i. Landon seconded

- ii. All those in favor: 11
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 1
 - v. Motion passes.
- k. Jeff made a motion to include a clause that states no additional extension will be granted and that the project must be newly proposed.
 - i. Annalis seconded
 - ii. All those in favor: 10
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 2
 - v. Motion passes.
- l. Jeff made a motion to include a clause that stating that UFFAB strongly suggests due diligence in energy conservation and CO2 reduction means for all new projects.
 - i. Raeghen seconded
 - ii. All those in favor: 12
 - iii. Opposed: 0
 - iv. Abstained: 0
 - v. Motion passes.

VI. Meeting Adjourn.

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 3rd 5:00-7:00 pm in 303 GSB

Provost Rick Miranda, Vice President Lynn Johnson, Dean Jan Nerger, and Dr. Mike Antolin to appear.