

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday 27 January 2011
Room 303, General Services Building

Members Present: Tamla Blunt, Graduate School, Chair
Jesse Jankowski, College of Engineering, Vice Chair
Brittany Bernard, Warner College of Natural Resources
Vincent Crespin, College of Liberal Arts
Joseph Garcia, College of Business
Laura Bishop, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.
Lisa Vigil, College of Natural Sciences

Members Not Present: Matt Baca, College of Applied Human Sciences

Members at Large Not-Present: Justin Safady, College of Business

Associate Members Present: Hilary Smith, College of Vet. Med. & Bio. Med.
Teresa Molello, College of Applied Human Sciences
Christopher Johnston, College of Business

Associate Members Not Present: Elan Alford, Graduate School
Matthew Hoppal, College of Business

Ex – Officio Members Present: Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Brian Chase, Faculty Advisor
Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support

Ex – Officio Members Not Present: Eric Berlinberg, SFRB Liaison

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from 9 December 2010

Motion was made by Laura Bishop to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Jesse Jankowski. Minutes approved.

III. Old Business

a. Dean Sandra Woods to thank UFFAB for Partial Funding of Engineering II.

Dean Woods of the College of Engineering came to thank UFFAB for the \$30 million in funding for the Engineering II Building. She gave a presentation on the status of the building and the additions to the building. The Board was given a printed power point packet of this presentation. Dean Woods emphasized that the building will focus on students with teaching labs, a 24 hour study space open to all students on campus which would be the only 24 hour space on the north end of campus, renovated classrooms, as well as a new teaching auditorium.

Dean Woods also presented information on the current financial standing of the project. The project received \$30,000,000 from the UFFAB, raised an additional \$10,000,000 bonded from research programs; \$500,000 from Don and Susie Law; and a donation of \$10,000,000 from an individual donor. Only \$15,500,000 is needed to reach the total of the \$69,000,000 project.

If all \$69,000,000 is not raised then the third floor may just be “shelled out,” however, the entire exterior of the building will be finished leaving opportunity for the third floor to be finished as donations are raised.

The building should achieve LEED GOLD status and the goal for the entire \$69,000,000 project is that the building will be LEED PLATINUM status.

Brian Chase discussed that all new buildings on campus are LEED GOLD buildings and that a LEED PLATINUM for the building will be incredibly good for the University.

Dean Woods invited the UFFAB members to attend the ground breaking of the new building on April 14, 2011 at 12:00pm in appreciation for the Board funding money to the building.

Joseph Garcia asked if the Engineering Board had asked any big name companies such as Intel for donations.

Dean Woods replied that there would be a meeting held Tuesday, February 1, 2011 for the department to brainstorm ideas for finding other donations to fund the remaining amount needed to complete the project.

b. Review Submissions for Cash-Funded Projects

Tamla Blunt stated that UFFAB has between \$2,700,000 and \$3,000,000 to fund on campus projects right now.

1. Early Childhood Center: City and Student Fee Review Board have approved \$1,200,000 for the project. The project is moving forward.

2. Food Science and Human Nutrition-Renovate Gifford for Modern Commercial Kitchen. \$300,000. More numbers will be produced in the next month; therefore the project will be further looked at when those numbers are available.

3. Applied Human Science-Gifford Computer Lab: \$259,339.

Tamla Blunt said that rooms would be combined and furniture would be upgraded. However, UFFAB only supplies furniture and the College of Applied Human Sciences would supply the computers.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation by the College of Applied Human Sciences, which was agreed upon by the Board.

4. Anthropology-Renovate Labs in Clark: \$103,000

Brian Chase commented on how the labs are just worn out and need new equipment.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation by the Anthropology department which was approved by the Board.

5. Electrical/Computer Engineering-Student Initiated Request: \$63,191.04

Two student representatives attended the meeting and briefly described problems with the study room which include: the destroyed state of some of the furniture which is unsafe for students. The students said the room is simply in a state of disrepair and is in need of good mobile furniture, new carpet, paint, more whiteboards, and outlet boxes replaced.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation by the students of the College of Engineering which was approved by the Board.

6. Renovate Clark C Wing Restrooms:

Brian Chase commented on how this is an inappropriate project for UFFAB because it is not educational and that he will seek maintenance funding. Requests such as these reflect that the university's budget is shrinking. The facilities budget dropped 20% in the last two years and the school is looking at 10% more in budget cuts in the next year.

Tamla Blunt proposed that a presentation was not wanted and the Board agreed.

7. International Programs Signage:

Tamla Blunt and Brian Chase proposed that this is not UFFAB appropriate and that it is a concern of the University not the Board.

Tamla Blunt proposed that a presentation was not wanted and the Board agreed.

8. NESB-Install Lock:

Brian Chase deemed that this was inappropriate for UFFAB.

Tamla Blunt proposed that a presentation was not needed and the Board agreed.

9. Warner College of Natural Resources- Remodel for Clubs: \$350, 686
Board Member Brittany Bernard commented on the current condition of the rooms including the minimal furniture in the room, the slow and difficult use of the single computer, as well as the lack of sound proofing in the walls.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation by the Warner College of Natural Resources and the Board agreed.

10. Stock Pavilion Conversion to 300-seat Lecture Hall:
Facilities is still doing a cost estimate for the Pavilion and replacement space.

Tamla Blunt commented on how, not only would the lecture hall need to be built but a new stock pavilion would need to be built. She also raised the question that a stand alone 300-person lecture hall might be a better option.

Brian Chase commented on how ultimately the stock pavilion will be torn down for a new biology building. He also raised concern about the quality of the classroom experience with a large lecture hall. In a study the rationale for smaller rooms is considered to be better teaching campuses.

Brian Chase also commented on how UFFAB controls the money and should determine what the quality of classrooms wanted is, as well as, what controls should be set on further requests for projects.

Tamla Blunt motioned that the request would be set aside for further discussion in the future based on an information packet from Pat Burns on classroom experience quality and a budget from Brian Chase.

11. College of Business- Study Carrols for Basement: Estimated total \$98,000.
Facilities is working up design and accurate cost estimate.

There will be more info on this request in the next month.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation by the College of Business. The Board agreed.

12. College of Business Carpet Replacement: \$8,700.

This is a Facilities issue not a UFFAB issue and will therefore be taken care of by Facilities.

13. College of Business- Remodel Room 139: \$80,008

This project would require removing walls that cover windows and replace windows with new energy efficient windows. Also, replace projector screens.

Tamla Blunt and Brian Chase commented that windows are not a UFFAB issue.

Brian Chase mentioned that he thought there was money set aside that he intended to put towards the projector screens. If there was a problem with this money then a presentation would be considered.

Tamla Blunt proposed a tentative presentation by the College of Business which was agreed upon by the Board.

14. Engineering- Create Six Collaboration Spaces: \$54,327

This project would require new paint and new carpet in the study spaces.

Board Member Jesse Jankowski commented on the increased free library space that would appear if engineering students were given study rooms in the Engineering Building.

Brian Chase commented that if carpet were not a UFFAB issue in regards to Rockwell Hall that it would not be a UFFAB issue concerning the Engineering Building.

Tamla Blunt suggested putting money towards the project that Engineering would need to match.

Tamla Blunt proposed a presentation on only the new study rooms but not on anything regarding new carpet or paint by the College of Engineering. The Board agreed with the proposal for the presentation.

15. Agriculture Research-Purchase Wind Turbine: \$50,000

Brian Chase commented on how this was simply for a research project and that it was not educational for the entire University.

Tamla Blunt motioned to not have a presentation which the Board agreed upon.

16. Mechanical Engineering Renovate Instructional Lab: \$232, 423

This project would combine a classroom and lab environment as well as increase active lab space.

17. Mechanical Engineering Renovate MERC: \$375,000

This project would benefit graduate students.
Board member Joseph Garcia commented on the amount of money that Engineering has received recently and how Engineering needs to prioritize project requests because they cannot all be fulfilled.

Brian Chase responded to this with an announcement that he would bring a break down of where all UFFAB money has gone throughout the University and provide the number of students per capita impacted by funding from UFFAB to College Departments.

Pat Burns reinforced the need for UFFAB to create a template that aligns funding criteria and looks at who would benefit from different projects.

Tamla Blunt proposed that both project 16 and 17 would be given in a single presentation by the College of Engineerings which the Board agreed with.

18. Classroom Improvements: Phase II: \$800,000

Tamla Blunt commented that looking into a Phase II was not urgent. She proposed that this project be revisited in Fall 2011.

Presentations to be conducted (Summary):

1. Applied Human Science-Gifford Computer Lab
2. Anthropology-Renovate Labs in Clark
3. Electrical/Computer Engineering-Student Initiated Request
4. Warner College of Natural Resources- Remodel for Clubs
5. College of Business- Study Carrols for Basement
6. College of Business- Remodel Room 139
7. Engineering- Create Six Collaboration Spaces
8. Mechanical Engineering-Renovate Instructional Lab and Mechanical Engineering Renovate MERC

Brian Chase commented on how UFFAB does not need to spend all the money that the Board has and that projects should be critically and carefully reviewed.

Brian Chase also commented on how Monday, January 24 the Student Facility Fee Board had a unanimous vote for the Washington School, however, there still must be a formal presentation, and the Board of Governors will approve the purchase of the building at their May meeting.

IV. Next Meeting: 10 February 2011 @ 5pm in 303 General Services Building

V. Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.