

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2008
Grey Rock Room, Lory Student Center

Members Attending: Matt Brown, Chair, College of Engineering
Julie Stafford, Vice Chair, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Tamla Blunt, Graduate School
Erik Garcia, College of Natural Sciences
Heather Lindsay, Warner College of Natural Resources
April McGill, College of Applied Human Sciences
Matthew Bratschun, College of Business
Danae Johnson, Intro-University Academic Council
Matt Worthington, College of Liberal Arts

Associate Members: Irene Nissen, College of Applied Human Sciences
Elan Alford, Graduate School

Members at Large: John Anest, College of Applied Human Sciences
Jess Moseley, Intra-University Academic Council

Associate Members Not Present: Jennei Sneden, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Tim Sellers, College of Engineering

Ex-Officio Members: Brian Chase, Director of Facilities Management, Advisor to UFFAB
Pat Burns, Assoc. VP of Info & Instructional Technology
Advisor to UTFAB
Toni Scofield, Program Asst., Staff Support

Visitor: Tony Frank, Provost/Executive Senior Vice President; Mike Rush, University Architect; Per Hogestad, Facilities Architect; Linda Wagner and Bret Kudlicki, Bennett, Wagner & Grody Architects

I. Call to Order:

Chair, Matt Brown, calls the meeting to order.

Quorum is present.

II. The Minutes of October 9, 2008 for approval. Matt asks for a motion to approve. Motion is made and seconded. Minutes are approved unanimously.

III. New Business:

Student Facility Fee: Tony Frank, Provost/Executive Senior Vice President

Provost Frank hands out copies of the University's 10-Year Physical Development Priorities and apologized to the students for the lack of communication between the Administration and the students regarding funding for capital construction projects. The Collegian article inferred that the Administration was once again bypassing the appropriate student organizations and pledging money for projects that the students had no information about. Provost Frank told the students that the University is very concerned about working with the students on project funding and believes that they are good stewards of the students' money. He listed the projects funded by the student facility fee and asked the students if they felt the University is being fiscally responsible with their money for the projects they have pledged to fund thus far. The overall response from the students was positive.

Provost Frank explained the priority process for capital construction projects and the timelines that have to be met in order for the University to obtain legislative approval for the projects and receive spending authority.

The 10-Year Physical Development Plan (PDP) lists all the projects the University believes are legitimate and have a likelihood of being funded and built/renovated in the next 10 years. The Board of Governors (BOG), Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the legislative committees approve the projects listed on the PDP which is updated every couple of years by the University. Both the Biology Building and TILT/Music Building Addition have been approved as part of the PDP.

Before any projects on the PDP can be sent to the DHE and the legislative committees for approval, a program plan setting out the needs of the program and the source of funding for the project has to be submitted to the BOG for approval. The approval process can take upwards of 18 months and it is not always clear at the time the program plan is written, what the funding source will be. Although one funding source may be identified in the program plan and the documents sent to the BOG, it is not written in stone and the funding source can change or funding may come from a variety of sources.

In the instance of the Biology Building and TILT/Music Building Addition, the University felt that both projects would benefit a large population of students and therefore suggested that the funding would come from the student facility fee. As with the Academic Instruction Building, the timing was not good and the UFFAB was not advised in advance that this is what the University was doing.

The discussion then turned to the possibility of an increase in the student facility fee. The students asked if the University would be asking for an increase. They also wanted to

know if they voted against an increase in the fee if the University/BOG would still raise it. Provost Frank advised that the BOG has the authority to raise fees as they deem appropriate but take into consideration comments from students and others before making their decision.

Provost Frank told the students that it is the intent of the Administration to come back to the students in the spring to ask for an increase in the student facility fee and ask the UFFAB to recommend a fee increase to the Student Fee Review Board.

Matt told the group about the conversation that he, Taylor Smoot and Quinn Girrens, ASCSU Pres. And Vice Pres., respectively, had with Provost Frank.

Pat also told the students that their money allows the University to leverage this with donors and when donors find out that the students feel so strongly about funding capital projects and tax themselves with a student facility fee, they are more compelled to help with donations for capital projects.

The discussion then turned to processes for communicating between UFFAB and the Administration in a timely manner for situations such as the Biology and TILT projects and finding a way to better inform UFFAB about projects the Administration would like to put forth and seek UFFAB funding for prior to seeking approvals from BOG, etc.

The students asked how they can take a role in the planning and budget process where many of these decisions are made. Provost Frank told the group that ASCSU will be taking a more active role in the process this year.

Matt and Julie will meet with Provost Frank for a follow-up meeting in December.

IV. Old Business:

Academic Instruction Building Design Charette

Linda Wagner and Bret Kudlicki, Bennett, Wagner & Grody Architects, brought a model of the Academic Instruction Building along with design boards and a variety of design materials, i.e. glass, fabrics, chairs, etc. for the students to see, feel, and try out.

Linda used the model to show the students planned sitting areas, the wifi café, seminar rooms, offices, etc.

Linda told the students that the whole building has been designed to take advantage of day lighting without excessive heat gains. The building will be LEED Gold certified.

Brian encourages the students to talk about the design of the wifi café and to provide the architects with their feedback.

There was a discussion about colors and various room treatments. Linda handed out some design boards showing various uses of colors for different areas of the buildings, i.e. suggestions included a Pawnee Buttes room, a SW Colorado room, and Timber/Wood room just to give the students ideas of how design can enhance rooms in different ways.

Tamla suggested that a subcommittee of the students be chosen to work together with the architects on color selection for the building.

The students would like take a field trip to Denver to the architects' office to see other options for colors, room treatments, windows, etc.

Toni and Norm will work with the architects and students to set up the field trip. Toni gets the names of the students interested in going and will contact with times Bennett Wagner and Grody have available for the students to visit.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be November 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Location: Room 203, Morgan Library.