

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 7, 2013
CHHS DM, C102 Aylesworth

Members Present:

Jenna Muniz, ULC, Chair
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources, Vice Chair
Riley Smith, College of Health and Human Sciences
Michelle Staros, College of VMBS
Jeff Cook, Graduate School
Amber Weimer, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Lancto, College of Liberal Arts
Lance Oles, College of Agricultural Sciences
Kayln Miller, College of Business
Alex Brown, College of Engineering

Members Not Present:

Members at Large Present:

Sam Guinn, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present:

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present:

Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Toni Scofield, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Cassidy Collins, Staff Support
Andrew Olson, SFRB Liaison
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management, Facilities Management
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member

Ex – Officio Members Not Present:

Visitors: Rick Miranda - Provost

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order by Jenna.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2013

- a. Motion made to approve minutes by Lexi. Motion seconded by Michelle.
- b. Minutes approved.

II. Provost Rick Miranda; Pat Burns, Dean of Libraries/VP and IT; Steve Hultin, Director of Facilities Management and Advisor to UFFAB: Discuss University Growth and Priorities.

- a. Rick started introductions.
- b. Rick began discussion.

i. The Aylesworth Design and Merchandising lab is a good example of what our goal is on the UFFAB. To turn this campus into a great learning environment. CSU is growing, based on the demographics in Colorado and in graduating high school students. The estimate is that high school student graduate numbers will start to rise in about 3 years, and we should expect about 2-3 thousand Colorado residents to come to campus. Campus growth is likely, which means more resources are necessary through office space and classroom space. We have reasons to think about our facilities during this growth, and we want to work smarter and better with the spaces we have. Our students and teachers want to focus on something called flipped classrooms, which is less lecture and more use of the recitation and interactive space. Innovating campus and classrooms as technology develops will create the most effective learning environment. A recent survey went out to the faculty asking if they want to start flipping classrooms, and there was a surprisingly high response from the professors asking for updated classrooms. Now we can't do this with all of the existing space, we are going to have to build some new facilities. One of the most important things for our campus is to investigate a Biology Building.

ii. Rick mentioned Jim Sites and Mike Antolin and the new Biology Building they have proposed. Chemistry provides one of the top credit hour departments on campus. We have had the chemistry building on the state funded list for some years now, and they may start to fund a significant portion of the chemistry building for us. One plan is to imagine a science complex with contiguous science buildings. With some for biology and some for chemistry. It's time to look at funding for this new building. We are looking for the student fee to fund the building, and hoping for more student enrollment to increase the funds. Another thing is an interesting addition to our Warner College of Natural Resources - \$20,000,000 project. The college believes they can come up with about \$10,000,000 in donations.

- c. Pat asked if we have already had a presentation.
- d. Steve and Lexi answered yes, last year.
- e. Rick continued that this would be a relatively small contribution compared to the "science complex" and would really help out Natural Resource students.
- f. Jeff asked if there was a capital projects part of the budget from the University's budget.

- g. Rick answered that we do have a small amount of funding that we can use for bonding, but we try not to do that because it uses so many sources. The first option is state money, 2nd option is philanthropy money, and finally, the third option is the facility fee paid by students.
- h. Rick said that there are some projects that philanthropy money is not appropriate for.
- i. Someone asked what we would have to increase the facility fee to, what dollar amount.
- j. Rick answered that it would be up to the Board to see how much money we would need in accordance to what we already pay.
- k. Pat said that we need to grow academically faster than the state is willing to let us grow. What happens if we increase the fee, what do we do in relevance to CU? Pat suggested Rick and Tony come talk to the group to help decide what we do. One option would be to raise tuition, and have the money go to the general funds. Second, we could increase the Facility Fee and have access to those funds to help build facilities.
- l. Rick added that the Facility Fee has given us so many great classrooms and study rooms.
- m. Jenna asked if Rick would prefer to put the money we have allocated to a large building or towards flipping classrooms.
- n. Rick said that the amount of money probably isn't enough for a large project, but let's have fun with it. Spend the money and do what we can to improve what needs improving. He thinks flipping classrooms would be a great idea.
- o. Pat mentioned the CRB and how they are also looking into flipping classrooms, and we have tremendous opportunities to improve the learning environments. We need to do things in the ways that millennials understand them, using technology.
- p. Steve asked if there was a correlation between students not doing well in freshman classes, and leaving the University all together.
- q. All agreed that this correlation has proven to be very prevalent in the past years.
- r. Jeff asked if there is a timeline of when we want the Biology Building to begin.
- s. Rick answered that we need to put our foot in the door to create a plan of funding as soon as possible
- t. Tamla asked if we have an estimated budget
- u. Steve answered that our first idea was around 60 million, but now with a program plan, and we need to get a cost opinion, it will be between 60-80 million. If there is an increase in students or Univ. Facility Fee, we will be able to pay off the building.
- v. We want to bring in our state funding for the Chemistry Building and the Facility Fee for building the Biology Building to create a Chem Bio Complex. It might or might not be connected to Microbiology, maybe just a soft connect.
- w. Jenna asked Tamla what the process will be to increase the fee.

- x. Tamla explained that Tony Frank came and made a presentation for the first time ever. There was great debate about whether it would be \$5 or \$10. Students were polled and there are tangible results from a fee increase. Ginger Wright provided info as to how much increase in the Facility Fee would be per year based on current enrollment. This happened right when the recession hit, and there was great deliberation because of the economic climate at the time.
- y. Rick added that ultimately, we cannot raise the fee until the Board of Governors approves it which requires Tony Frank's approval first.
- z. Steve suggested sending out the history of how the Facility Fee was increased in the past.
 - aa. Cassidy will send it out in a PDF document.
 - bb. Andrew explained that in the Spring the SFRB will deliberate and tell us whether it can be taken to Amy, then Tony, then the Board of Govenors.
 - cc. Tamla added that it isn't just an increase for unnamed projects, it is important to delegate the money to different projects.
 - dd. Jeff asked for clarification about what our options are for funding this building.
 - ee. Rick answered that at this point it relies on the UFFAB or philanthropy funds.
 - ff. Lindsay added that in regards to donor funding, the UFFAB's support for these projects significantly helps donor funds come in.
 - gg. Jenna thanked Rick and Pat for coming to speak with us.

III. Discuss Joint Meeting This Fall With UTFAB

- a. Rick will come to an UTFAB meeting to discuss the collaboration between UTFAB and UFFAB.
- b. Jenna is collaborating for a time with the chair and vice chair for each of the committees to get together.
- c. Pat added that he feels this should happen next semester.
- d. Matt talked to the chair of the UTFAB, and they are already dipping into their reserve funds, so we don't know how many funds will be available for flipping classrooms.
- e. Lance added that he is on the College technology fee and is hoping to work with the UTFAB and coordinate to improve classrooms.

IV. Next Meeting: November 21, 2013

V. Adjourn at 6:00 PM 11/7/13